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Town Warrant

To Albert L. Sevey, a Citizen of the town of Ripley, in the county of Somerset: GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Ripley, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Grange Hall in said town on the 7th day of March 1932 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the town officers.

Art. 4. To choose three or more selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor.

Art. 5. To choose a town treasurer.

Art. 6. To choose one or more road commissioners.

Art. 7. To choose one or more superintending school committee.

Art. 8. To choose one or more trustees of the Crocker library.

Art. 9. To see what method the town will vote to adopt for payment and collection of taxes; and to choose a tax collector.

Art. 10. To choose an auditor; a fire ward; and all other officers required to be chosen at this meeting.

Art. 11. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for the support of schools.

Art. 12. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for the purchase of school books.

Art. 13. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for repair of school houses.

Art. 14. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for miscellaneous school expense.

Art. 15. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for tuition of high school scholars.

Art. 16. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for the support of roads and bridges in summer.

Art. 17. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for breaking roads in winter.

Art. 18. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for the support of Crocker library.

Art. 19. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for town charges.

Art. 20. To see how much money the town will grant and raise to pay interest on town orders and notes.

Art. 21. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for the support of poor.

Art. 22. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for the maintenance of special resolve and third class road.

Art. 23. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for maintenance of patroled road.

Art. 24. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for early patrol.

Art. 25. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will appropriate for snow fence.

Art. 26. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will appropriate for street lights.

Art. 27. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will appropriate for public health nurse.

Art. 28. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will appropriate for Memorial day.

Art. 29. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will appropriate for payment on town debt.

Art. 30. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will appropriate for cutting bushes on improved highways.

Art. 31. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen and treasurer to borrow as a temporary loan or temporary loans to and for the use of the town in anticipation of taxes of the current municipal year of 1932, sums of money in the aggregate not exceeding $7,000.00; and authorize the treasurer to execute the negotiable note or notes of the town therefor payable within said municipal year from moneys raised by taxation therein and upon such terms as shall be satisfactory to said treasurer and selectmen.

Art. 32. To see if the town will authorize the assessors to assess a sum of money sufficient to pay snow bills created from the time of closing of the town books until assessing of taxes.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State aid, as provided in Section 20 of Chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes of 1930.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to accept the section of State aid improvement for the year 1932 as recommended by the State Highway Commission.

Art. 35. To see if the town will appropriate and raise for the improvement of the section of State aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of the ways, highways and bridges, under the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 28, of the Revised Statutes of 1930, or under the provisions of Section 22, Chapter 28, of the Revised Statutes of 1930.

Art. 36. To see if the town will grant and raise a sum of money to be expended on the three-town road now under construction.

Art. 37. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of $100.00 to be used in graveling the north part of the Buck road or act anything thereon.

Art. 38. To see if the town will accept the section of road which leads from A. L. Ellms to R. M. Lane corner, so called, on which to expend the special resolve fund, or act anything thereon.

Art. 39. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to continue the insurance on the town hall and school houses; raise money for the same, or act anything thereon.

Art. 40. To see if the town will accept in trust the sum of $100.00 from Mrs. Carrie Vining for the perpetual care of the Hanson lot in Ferndale Cemetery.

Art. 41. To see if the town will accept in trust the sum of $50.00 from O. E. Cole for the perpetual care of the Jesse Stone lot in Ferndale Cemetery.

Art. 42. To act on any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town and hear and decide upon applications of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list at the Grange Hall at 9 o'clock in the forenoon on the said day of meeting.

Given under our hands the 18th day of Februray A. D. 1932.

CLAYTON E. JEWETT,
CHARLES E. SEVEY,
H. L. WAKEFIELD,
Selectmen of Ripley.

Recommendations of Selectmen

Ripley, Maine, February 15, 1932

To the Citizens of the Town of Ripley:
Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with the Statutes of the State, we herewith submit for your consideration this annual report which includes tabulations of statistics.

TAXES

At the annual meeting it was voted to discard the old policy of "letting the future generation pay the bills" and in its place was substituted the "pay as you go" plan.

At this meeting we were authorized to assess, by your vote and the Statutes, a sum which was over $3,000.00 greater than last year.

This increased assessment came about in two ways. First, by re-classification of the town, due to the raise in valuation by the State Assessors, and the initiation of the "pay as you go" policy. Previously the town has authorized the assessment of $500.00 for state aid road construction. This year $2,665.00 was authorized, an increase of $2,165.00. Secondly, the spring breaking bills were extremely large. At the time of assessing the taxes we were not sure about reimbursement from the State, therefore the entire expense was covered by assssment.

POOR

The town has been very fortunate as to poor relief during the year. Arrangements were made to have work for all that might call on because of lack of employment.

Proper information was forwarded to the State, and they have recognized the fact that they are liable for the support of James Brown, Leslie Covey family, and Philander Knowles family.

Mr. Gifford's illness made extra large expense during the first part of the year. We took charge of his personal property and have succeeded in selling the greater part.

By making some changes the town has been able to save $2.00 per week in the case of Fred Cyr.

INTEREST ON LOANS

At the beginning of the year the town was paying 6% interest on most of the outstanding interest bearing orders or notes. It has been possible during the year to call in these orders or notes, and issue new ones bearing 5% interest. This is the reason why it has not cost the town as much for this item as it did last year, even though the town debt was $1,000.00 greater than previous.

SNOW REMOVAL

Last season it cost the town $99.00 per mile to remove the snow. The State reimbursed $25.00 per mile, leaving $74.00 to be paid by the town.

This season under State supervision we contracted for snow removal. This calls for an expenditure of $70.00 per mile, the State to pay one half. This is for the entire snow season. The work must be done satisfactorily, otherwise the town is entitled to reimbursement of all money paid.

If the town wishes to continue removing snow, we feel it can best be handled under contract. If snow is

removed under State supervision, a contract is the best insurance policy a town can have. Plowing by the hour the town takes the chances, plowing under contract the contractor takes the chances.

GIFFORD FARM

We were unable to procure any reasonable offer for the Gifford farm. It would be certainly the best policy to dispose of the property as soon as satisfactory arrangements can be made.

TOWN HALL

We did not feel that it would be advisable under the existing conditions to lay out extensive repairs on the Town Hall. We purchased a new lock for the door, and glass for the windows where needed. The roof is in fair condition.

RECOMMENDING HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

In recommending state aid improvements for 1932, we gave due consideration to the fact that the other towns in the, so called, three-town act had allowed us to expend one years funds on the extension of the original lay out. In exchange for this consideration we were to return to the original route after one year. If the town should raise state aid money this year, and could spend it where they wished, it would be proper and just to return to the original layout.

In a letter from the Highway Commission dated January 21, 1932 they inform us that after careful consideration they recommend that State Aid for 1932 be expended for surface treating state aid roads previously built in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 271, P. L. 1931, balance of fund, if any, to be expended on a location determined after available funds are known.

SPECIAL RESOLVE

The town was fortunate in securing from the last legislature $400.00 to be used as a special resolve fund. We highly recommend that you adopt the location as specified in article 38 of the warrant, to expend this fund.

UNPAID TAXES

At the time of closing the books there were $1168.95 unpaid taxes in the hands of the collector. These taxes are in the process of collection. Since closing the books we have been informed by the collector that he has received some of the above tax.

SUGGESTIONS

We hope that you will give careful thought in appropriating money this year. We feel that at least $4000.-00 should be cut from last years assessments. Under the circumstances we do not recommend raising money for state aid road construction. We feel that about $1000.00 can be cut from spring breaking assessment, if the weather permits. Perhaps it would be wise not to raise any funds for snow fence this year. With some rearrangements in the school department some cut might be made. There are other items where slight cuts can be made, which will help to lower the taxes.

Remember you make your taxes at town meeting, therefore think carefully.

Respectfully submitted,
CLAYTON E. JEWETT,
CHARLES E. SEVEY,
H. L. WAKEFIELD,
Selectmen.

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Assessors' Report

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY		
Real estate, resident	$118,700 00	
Real estate, non-resident	46,460 00	
Total real estate		$ 165,160 00
Personal estate, resident	$21,903 00	
Personal estate, non-resident	2,545 00	
Total personal estate		$ 24,448 00
Grand total valuation		$ 189,608 00
Total value land		$ 110,565 00
Total value buildings		54,595 00
Number polls taxed	115	
Number polls not taxed	9	
Number male dogs	30	
Number female dogs	5	
Number spaded dogs	7	
Rate of taxation	.072	
Assessment on each poll	$3.00	
Commitment to collector:		
Resident real estate tax	$8,546 40	
Resident personal estate tax	1,577 02	
Non-resident real estate tax	3,345 12	
Non-resident personal estate tax	183 24	
Poll tax	345 00	
Total		$ 13,996 78

TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	Av. Value	Total Value
99 horses and mules	$72 50	$7,180 00
2 colts, under 2 years old	42 50	85 00
206 cows	33 90	6,990 00
66 three-year-olds	30 95	2,045 00
88 two-year-olds	29 45	2,595 00
25 sheep (over 35 in number)	5 80	145 00
326 poultry (over 50 in number)	.50	163 00
Total		$ 19,203 00

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	Average	Total
90 one-year-olds	$17 45	$1,570 00
367 sheep (to 35 in number)	5 80	2,130 00
56 swine (to 10 in number)	14 10	790 00
1440 poultry (to 50 in number)	50	720 00
Total		$ 5,210 00

ASSESSMENTS

Support of schools	$1,950 00
School books	30 00
School house repairs	75 00
School expenses miscellaneous	75 00
High school tuition	500 00
Roads and bridges in summer	625 00
Breaking roads in winter	500 00
Town charges	1,000 00
Library	75 00
Special resolve and third class maintenance	316 00
Support of poor	600 00
Interest on town orders	400 00
Street lights	48 00
Purchase of snow fence	400 00
Early patrol	50 00

Maintenance of patrol road	250 00
Cutting bushes, improved road	100 00
Three town act	2,665 00
Memorial Day	10 00
Buck road	150 00
Decker road	100 00
Bowdoin road	125 00
Public health nurse	15 00
Spring breaking	1,573 97
State tax	1,424 67
County tax	406 72
Total assessments: appropriations	$ 13,469 36
Overlay	527 42
Grand total	$ 13,996 78

ABATEMENTS

Henry Hatch, over tax on radio	$ 2 16	
Texas Refining Co., not here April 1	14 40	
Harlan Wilkins, paid in St. Albans	57 60	
Edith Gordon, paid in Dexter	8 38	
Total		$ 82 54

Report of Overseers of Poor

Appropriation by town		$ 600 00
Rec'd from Greenbush, due last year	$43 02	
Rec'd from Greenbush, due this year	79 28	
		122 30
Rec'd from State pauper account		20 83
Rec'd from State aid pensions		234 00
Rec'd from Gifford personal property	33 00	
Rec'd from Gifford cash on hand at decease	10 00	
		43 00
Total funds available		$ 1,020 13

EXPENDITURES

James Gifford		
Robert Neal 6 weeks board at $6.00	$36 00	
5 weeks board and care at $11.00	55 00	
3 days and supplies	5 00	
		$ 96 00
Mrs. Roy Thomas 5 weeks board and care at $15.00 per week	75 00	
3 shaves at 50¢	1 50	
		76 50

A. L. Davis forward from last year	5 00	
supplies	1 00	
		6 00
B. H. Litchfield, supplies		4 00
Dr. Hammond, 5 visits		20 50
Dr. Moulton, 1 visit		4 00
Dr. Redman, 2 visits		10 00
Ramsay & Gates, burial expenses		95 00
Total		$ 312 00

Fred Cyr

Ivan Farrar, transportation		$ 1 00
Gordon Remnant Co., clothing		1 75
B. H. Litchfield, tobacco, etc.		8 85
Dr. Hammond, medical aid		7 00
Dr. Burgess, medical aid		29 40
H. A. Eaton, Jr., 5 weeks, 1 day board @ $7.00 per week		36 00
Herbert Skillings, 44 weeks board @ $5.00		220 00
tobacco and supplies		7 50
Harry Buzzell, cutting hair		2 45
Total		$ 313 95

Winn Bailey and family

B. H. Litchfield, groceries		$ 9 83
Nora Hamilton, stockings, etc.		90
Ivan Farrar, transportation supplies		2 50
Gordon Remnant Co., clothing		1 98
J. S. Laughton, 4 weeks board 2 children @ $10.00 per week	$40.00	
supplies	10.53	
		50 53
Clayton Jewett, time put in at request of Greenbush	1 00	
telephone	55	
		1 55
Chas. Sevey, time put in at request of Greenbush	1 00	

tickets and lunch, etc.	8 99	
		9 99
H. L. Wakefield, time put in at request of Greenbush		2 00
Total		$ 79 28

STATE PAUPER ACCOUNT

James Brown

Jewett Bros., 2 weeks board @ $5.00	$10 00	
shaving brush, gloves and tobacco	1 83	
		$ 11 83
Overseers of Poor, supplies, etc.		9 00
Total		$ 20 83

Leslie Covey family

Dr. Hammond, medical services rendered	$ 35 00

Philander Knowles and family

Gordon Remnant Co., rubbers, undersuits	$ 2 79
B. H. Litchfield, groceries	17 43
Chester Farrar, potatoes	75
Total	$ 20 97

STATE AID PENSIONS

Paid Anna F. Lawry, 12 months pension @ $12.00	$ 144 00
Paid Rose Lombard, 9 months pension @ $10.00	90 00
Total	$ 234 00
Total expenditures	$ 1,016 03
Funds available	$ 1,020 13
Less expenditures	1,016 03
Balance unexpended	$ 4 10

Selectmen's Report

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS

Appropriated by town	$ 13,469 36
Overlay	527 42
Cash in treasury	69 67
Rec'd from State, 3rd class fund	916 88
State, State aid road	6,407 96
school fund	1,310 37
school adjustments	100 00
bounty on porcupine	31 25
tax on bank stock	3 15
pauper account	20 83
snow removal	247 50
state aid pensions	234 00
early patrol	50 00
dog license refund	5 73
R. R. & Tel. tax	44
excise tax collector	449 05
clerk, dog tax	62 00
Greenbush, pauper account	122 30
C. S. Downing, error in settling with town	111 51
library fund	24 00
A. L. Sevey, bal. on culvert	10 00
Ivan Farrar, personal property tax 1930	7 43
refund on note interest	23 17
Tripp note interest	4 00
bank interest on checking account	03
tax deed interest	14 86
school fund interest	32 43
sale of Gifford personal property	43 00

sale of hay on Gifford farm	16 00
money hired	10,600 00
tax deeds	158 03
Total	$ 35,072 37

Expenditures

Orders turned over	$ 33,594 99
Due from collector 1932	1,168 95
Cash in treasury	308 43
Total	$ 35,072 37

SUMMARY

	Available	Expended	Overdrawn	Balance
Common schools	$2,776 13	$3,001 63	$225 50	$
Textbooks	30 00	37 58	7 58	
Repairs	75 00	35 45		39 55
Miscellaneous	75 00	67 87		7 13
High tuition	1,116 67	965 00		151 67
Summer roads	1,000 00	1,096 32	96 32	
Winter roads	747 50	611 27		136 23
Town charges	2,470 57	1,502 45		968 12
Library support	75 00	75 00		
Library fund	24 00	24 00		
Poor	1,020 13	1,016 03		4 10
3rd class maintenance	316 00	315 90		10
Interest	423 17	456 25	33 08	
Snow fence	400 00	338 10		61 90
Street lights	48 00	48 00		
Early patrol	100 00	100 50	50	
Patrol road maintenance	250 00	256 50	6 50	
Cutting bushes	100 00	140 40	40 40	
State aid road	9,072 96	8,559 50		513 46
Memorial Day	15 00	10 00		5 00
Public nurse	15 00	15 00		
Spring breaking	1,573 97	1,573 97		
County tax	406 72	406 72		
State tax	1,424 67	1,424 67		
3rd class fund	916 88	916 88		
Money hired	10,600 00	10,600 00		
Total	$35,072 37	$33,594 99	$409 88	$1,887 26
Less overdrafts				409 88
Total balance				$ 1,477 38
Due from collector				$ 1,168 95
Cash in treasury				$ 308 43

TOWN CHARGES

Appropriated by town		$ 1,000 00
Cash in treasury		69 67
Rec'd from State tax on bank stock		3 15
	dog license refund	5 73
	R. R. and Tel. Tax	44
	bounty on porcupine	31 25
	excise tax collector	449 05
	C. S. Downing, error in settling with town	111 51
	clerk, dog licences	62 00
	Ivan Farrar personal property tax 1930	7 43
	sale of hay on Gifford farm	16 00
	A. L. Sevey balance on culbert	10 00
	bank interest on checking account	03
	Tripp note, interest	4 00
	interest on tax deeds	14 86
	tax deeds	158 03
	overlay	527 42
Total funds available		$ 2,470 57

EXPENDED

Town Officers Bills

Clayton Jewett, services selectman, assessor, overseer of poor	$75 00
Chas. E. Sevey, services selectman, assessor, overseer of poor	40 00
H. L. Wakefield, services selectman, assessor, overseer of poor	35 00
A. L. Sevey, services as treasurer	40 00
P. T. Additon, services as clerk	20 00
John Wakefield, services on school board	5 00
Calvin Goodwin, services on school board	5 00

Weston Mills, services on school board	5 00	
A. L. Sevey, tax collector	187 57	
Elton L. Markham, tax collector	46 60	
C. E. Tripp, services as auditor	4 00	
Geo. Knowles, services as constable and health officer	4 50	
D. W. Rollins, services as superintendent of schools	228 56	
C. E. Tripp, services as ballot clerk	6 00	
A. L. Sevey, services as ballot clerk	3 00	
C. E. Tripp, services as moderator	3 00	
Total		$ 708 23

OTHER EXPENSES

Street lights		$ 36 00	
Traveling expenses selectmen, assessors and overseers of poor, 2 trips Augusta		20 00	
1 trip Orneville		10 00	
1 trip Pittsfield		5 00	
3 trips Skowhegan		15 00	
Town books		26 50	
B. H. Litchfield, miscellaneous		44 78	
Gazette Pub. Co., reports		48 51	
Ripley Grange, use of hall		10 00	
Repairs of road machinery		69 07	
Recording vital statistics		1 50	
Legal advice		8 00	
Care of cemetery, J. A. Page			
due 1929-30	$14 00		
1931	12 00		
C. E. Tripp	4 00		
C. S. Downing	3 00		
A. L. Farrar	5 00		
		38 00	

Bucknam & Mountain, dynamite, twine, spades, etc.		28 60	
Town Hall, wood	10 00		
glass	1 28		
		11 28	
Interest on school fund order		32 43	
Tax on Gifford farm		26 50	
Bounty on porcupine		25 25	
Discount on taxes		163 93	
Abatements		82 54	
National Used Car Market Report		6 00	
State treasurer, dog licences		62 00	
Postage, stationery, telephone, etc:			
Clayton Jewett	5 25		
P. T. Additon	6 98		
A. L. Sevey	11 10		
		23 33	
Total			$ 794 22
Total expended			$ 1,502 45
Funds available			$ 2,470 57
Expenditures			1,502 45
Balance unexpended			$ 968 12

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ASSETS

Cash in treasury	$ 308 43
Due from collector, 1932	1,168 95
State, pauper account	55 97
snow removal account	221 50
bounty on porcupine	25 25
tax deeds	375 17
Deed of Gifford farm	800 00
Total	$ 2,955 27

LIABILITIES

Due in interest bearing orders and notes	$	4,800 00
Total	$	4,800 00
Less assets		2,955 27
Balance against town	$	1,844 73
Balance against town, beginning of year	$	3,275 36
Balance against town, close of year		1,844 73
Reduction of town debt this year	$	1,430 63

Respectfully submitted,
CLAYTON E. JEWETT,
CHARLES E. SEVEY,
H. L. WAKEFIELD,
Selectmen of Ripley.

Highway Department

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation by town $2,665.00, less 23%	$2,052 05		
Appropriation by state (23% less)	7,387 38		
Balance carried forward	594 93		
Resources		$	10,034 36
Paid by town	$8,559 50		
State deduction for compressor	332 34		
shovel	1,234 01		
gravel screens	8 00		
Expended		$	10,133 85
Less resources			10,034 36
Overexpended		$	99 49

Appropriation by town	$2,665 00		
Amount used to make joint fund	2,052 05		
Balance of appropriation	$612 95		
Less above overexpenditure	99 49		
Unexpended		$	513 46

Paid labor:		
Clearing and grubbing	$ 441 93	
Earth excavation	1,827 25	
Rock excavation	279 17	
Sub base	150 00	
Stone base	310 00	
Gravel base	2,154 48	
Culverts	27 57	
Surfacing	1,813 08	
Total labor		$ 7,003 48
Paid material:		
Dynamite, caps, twine, etc.	282 63	
Culverts	335 16	
Coal	3 45	
Gravel	693 75	
Material for screens	33 84	
Right of way, etc.	215 19	
Total material		$ 1,564 02
Deductions for shovel and compressor		1,566 35
Total cost of road		$ 10,133 85
Length of road built (completed)		7,300 feet
Length of road built (but not surfaced)		400 feet
Cost of road per foot for labor		$1.11¼
Cost of road per foot for labor and material		1.31½

THIRD CLASS ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Funds available (32c. forward from last year)		$ 963 60
Paid for labor and material:		
Clearing and grubbing	$201 83	
Gravel base	349 83	
Surfacing	314 91	
Culverts	76 98	
Total expended		$ 943 55
Balance unexpended		$ 20 05

Length of road built	1,300 feet
Width of road built	21 feet
Cost of road per foot for labor	62¢
Cost of road per foot for material	10½¢
Cost of road per foot for material and labor	72½¢

SNOW FENCE

Funds available	$	400 00
Purchased of New England Metal Culvert Co., 3000 feet of fence @ 11½¢ per foot less 2%		338 10
Total unexpended	$	61 90

ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT

	Available	Paid	Overdrawn	Balance
Spring breaking	$1,573 97	$1,573 97	$	$
Summer roads	1,000 00	1,096 32	96 32	
Winter roads	747 50	611 27		136 23
Cutting bushes	100 00	140 40	40 40	
Early patrol	100 00	100 50	50	
Maintenance of third class road	316 00	315 90		10
Total	$3,837 47	$3,838 36	$137 22	$136 33

Overdrawn	$	137 22
Unexpended		136 33
Overexpended	$	89

For further information turn to the distribution sheet.

H. L. BANE,
Road Commissioner.

HIGHWAY DISTRIBUTION SHEET

	State aid road	3rd class road	Summer roads	3rd class maint.	Spring breaking	Winter	Cutting bushes	50-50	Putting up snow fence
1 Additon P. T.	$313 34	$ 46 11	$	$	$ 1 80	$	$	$	$
2 Alton Frank				3 00			12 00		
3 Bailey Sanford	301 39	7 00							
4 Bane H. L.	127 00		259 25	126 50	37 00	10 60	10 50	6 00	
5 Bane Jeptha					39 75	12 07			
6 Bane Linwood	18 00		9 50	3 00			12 00		
7 Bailey Chas.					3 00				
8 Bailey Clair	141 50	7 00			2 70				
9 Brown Bernard	80 00	27 33			11 69				
10 Brown Lee	302 23	45 00	5 00		16 90				
11 Britton Bert					8 70	1 80			
12 Britton Douglass					15 60	2 10			
13 Britton William					2 40				
14 Burdin Oscar					60				
15 Buzzell Jim	148 77								
16 Clark L. R.									4 50
17 Callahan Joe	148 77								
18 Cobb Bros.					81 49				
19 Cooley Charles	24 00								
20 Cooley Coburn	101 50				5 40				
21 Cooley Ernest	57 00		17 50	5 00			6 00		
22 Cooley John					2 70				

23	Cookson Llewellyn	12 00						
24	Chadbourn Victor	55 56						
25	Chadbourn Hebert	35 00						
26	Decker Adelbert	24 00		2 00				
27	Decker Llewellyn	99 00	13 83			6 00		
28	Downing C. S.					3 30	2 40	
29	Doyle Everett		27 17			6 75		
30	Davis Harold	200 56						
31	Ellms A. L.	6 50					2 70	
32	Ellms Charles					9 60		
33	Ellms Chester	16 50						
34	Farrar A. L.			28 65		10 80		28 00
35	Farrar Chester	29 50				24 60		12 00
36	Farrar Ivan	87 00						
37	Farrar Ray	386 67	83 34	70 00	20 00			
38	Farrar Vernal					2 10		
39	Felker Neal	13 17		3 75		2 40		
40	Folsom Fred		22 67			10 35		7 50
41	Folsom Albert							7 50
42	Gaynes Harry					1 20		
43	Gould Alton	39 00		1 25				
44	Gould Guy			2 50	5 00			
45	Gordon Ernest	188 34						
46	Gould Harry	113 33	30 33	54 00	18 00	51 00		
47	Goodwin C. B.	22 50						

48	Gower Harold	202 23								
49	Hallet John	30 00								
50	Haseltine Fred					10 50				4 00
51	Hatch Henry					5 25				
52	Hatch Lindell					2 10				
53	Heminway Clarence					2 40				
54	Heminway Clyde					13 50				
55	Holt Clayton					1 20				
56	Holt Vernal					2 40				
57	Huntley Frank					75				
58	Huntley Myron					4 65				
59	Haseltine Linwood									4 00
60	Jewett Bros			9 00		2 40	3 60			12 50
61	Kittridge Charles		10 33			4 20				
62	Kittridge Harry					3 90				
63	Kittridge Perley	6 00		7 00		4 80				
64	Kittridge Roland		24 33			10 95				
65	Knowles George					7 20		2 40		
66	Knowles Philander	30 00								
67	Kenney Ralph	205 56								
68	Laughton Frank			15 00		66 75	2 10			
69	Laughton Edward	33 00					1 65			
70	Laughton John	203 89	17 22				6 25			
71	Leavitt Earl			4 00	6 00			12 00		
72	Lane R. C.			15 50		29 10	10 80			

73	Moore Arthur					611 25				
74	Monk E. G.			32 00	3 00	29 79			24 00	
75	McKenney Perley	34 50								
76	MacDougall Geo.					6 60	9 30			
77	MacDougall William			7 00		42 60				
78	Mills Weston	52 17				5 25				
79	Neal Robert	27 00		18 75		11 90				
80	Neal Joil			20 70		4 65				
81	Nutter Geo. (St. Albans)					6 00				
82	Nutter Maurice					2 40				
83	Nutting Cecil					34 20				
84	Peavey Ed.						443 00			
85	Page Ed.				10 00	31 00	3 60	28 50		
86	Pingree Bros.					6 75				
87	Pingree Elwin	82 67		35 00						4 00
88	Pingree Lester					7 35				4 00
89	Philbrick A. J.					6 00				
90	Philbrick Roscoe	45 00								
91	Philbrick Rupert	52 00								
92	Philbrick Wilbur	94 00		10 00						
93	Pooler Joseph	300 33	14 00							
94	Raymond H S.	30 00								
95	Randall A. C.	347 55	46 11			1 50			37 50	
96	Rumery Albra	308 23	29 44	30 00	20 00					
97	Richardson Henry					8 40				

98 Richardson Walter					4 20				
99 Ross Cleo					75				
100 Sevey Chas.	124 67	46 67	3 75	11 00					4 50
101 Sevey Albert	389 28	86 11	127 00	30 00	13 90			27 00	
102 Sevey Ernest	279 55	65 33	7 50		38 20				
103 Sevey Elmer	121 33	19 83	5 00						
104 Sevey John	107 00								
105 Sawyer O. L.				8 00	21 90			6 00	
106 Spencer Archie	40 67		15 00		2 70				
107 Sawyer Ed.					9 00				
108 Sevey Roy	176 17	27 33	28 50	9 00	11 40				
109 Stewart Elwood	35 00	1 11							
Skillings Jesse						7 20			
110 Tewksbury Aaron							2 00		
111 Tewksbury Carl									
112 Vittum Frank	11 25		2 50		3 60				
113 Wakefield Vance	114 25	26 83							
114 Wakefield Frank					15 90				
115 Wakefield Dan	111 50	20 83							
116 Wakefield H. L.	167 55	34 67			34 50	1 20			4 50
117 Wakefield John	92 00		24 50						
118 Willard Clyde			6 40	6 00					
119 Woodcock Milton			2 00		8 70				12 50
120 Woodcock John									3 00
121 Wilkins Harlan	1 00								

122									
123 Yakemow Ely	55 00								
Lord Amos					23 40	10 80			
124 Hatch Adelbert	1 00								
125 Jones Charles					17 50				
126 Skillings Clifton					11 70				
127 Johnson Chas					4 50				
128 Hopkins S. M.			4 80						
Campbell Allen					6 60	3 90			4 00
	$7,003 48	$916 88	$1,096 32	$315 90	$1,573 97	$535 07	$140 40	$100 50	$61 50

Treasurer's Report

Dr.

To school fund order	$ 540	55
taxes, 1931	12,827	83
State aid road	6,407	96
third class	916	88
snow removal	247	50
state aid pensions	234	00
state pauper account	20	83
tax on bank stock	3	15
early patrol	50	00
school fund	1,310	37
school adjustments	100	00
dog licence refund	5	73
R. R. and Tel. tax		44
bounty on porcupine bounty	31	25
money hired	10,600	00
excise tax	449	05
clerk, dog tax	62	00
Ivan Farrar, personal property tax 1930	7	43
Gifford personal property	43	00
Greenbush	122	30
C. S. Downing, error in settling with town	111	51
library fund	24	00
school fund interest	32	43
hay on Gifford farm	16	00

A. L. Sevey on culvert	10 00	
interest on checking account	03	
tax deeds	158 03	
refund on note interest	23 17	
interest on Tripp note	4 00	
interest on tax deeds	14 86	
cash in treasury	69 67	
Total		$ 34,443 97

Cr.

By orders turned over	$33,594 99	
school fund order	540 55	
cash in treasury	308 43	
Total		$ 34,443 97

A. L. SEVEY, Treasurer.

CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Dr.

To amount in bank	$175 25	
interest from bank	6 61	
		$ 181 86

Cr.

By amount in bank	$ 181 86

JOHN JONES LOT

Dr.

To amount in bank	$154 52	
interest from bank	5 83	
		$ 160 35

Cr.

By amount in bank	$ 160 35

JOSIAH PAGE LOT

Dr.

To amount in bank		$ 100 00

Cr.

By amount in bank		$ 100 00

BARTLETT TRIPP FUND

Dr.

To Tripp note	$100 00	
interest in treasury	18 00	
interest on note 1931	4 00	
		$ 122 00

Cr.

By Tripp note	$100 00	
interest in treasury	18 00	
care of lot 1931	4 00	
		$ 122 00

GEO. FARRAR FUND

Dr.

To Farrar note		$ 100 00

Cr.

By Farrar note		$ 100 00

LIBRARY FUND

Dr.

To amount in bank	$809 31	
interest from bank	30 62	
rec'd from state	7 50	
fines and dues	9 53	
		$ 856 96

Cr.

By amount in bank	$832 96	
paid for books and supplies	24 00	
		$ 856 96

A. L. SEVEY, Treasurer.

Auditor's Report

To the tax payers of Ripley:

Again it has been my duty as auditor, to go over the books and accounts of your town officers. I have checked up all vouchers, orders drawn and checks given for the year. I have personally compared the treasurers checking account with that of the Merrill Trust Co., at Dexter. I find all books and accounts to agree with the report herein printed by your town officers.

C. E. TRIPP, Auditor 1931-32.

Augusta, Maine, Feb. 19, 1932.

To the Board of Selectmen,
Town of Ripley, Maine.
Gentlemen:

This is to certify that we have examined the accounts of the Collector of Taxes and Treasurer of the Town of Ripley and that the accounts as rendered herewith are correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

We find that all cash receipts have been accounted for and all disbursements agree with orders drawn by the Selectmen and that the balance of taxes uncollected agrees with the Treasurer's Commitment book. Cash balance of February 19,1932 has been verified and is

represented by cash in the bank and in hands of the Treasurer. We have also examined trust funds of the town and find the following deposits:

Cemetery Trust Fund, amount $181.86, in Merrill Trust Co., Dexter Branch.

John Jones Lot Fund, amount $160.35, in Merrill Trust Co., Dexter Branch.

Josiah A. Page Lot Fund, $100.00, in Merrill Trust Co., Dexter Branch.

Library Fund, $832.96, in Dexter Trust and Banking Co.

We also find a note dated Sept. 9, 1918 in favor of the town in the amount of $100.00 with interest payable at four per cent signed by W. R. Farrar representing investment of the principal of the fund bequeathed the town under the will of George Farrar. Another note dated February 23, 1914 signed by C. E. Tripp in favor of the town representing investment of the Bartlett Tripp Fund is held by the town. We recommend that the town officers take steps to collect the principal of the two above mentioned notes or to obtain renewals as the dates of maturity have long since passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Department of State Auditor,
By C. W. REEVES,
Auditor of Municipal Accounts.

CASH RECEIPTS—TOWN OF RIPLEY

	State	Temporary Loan	Excise Tax	Dog Tax	Prior Taxes	Poor
Feb. 19, 1931 Cash Balance	$ 69 67	$	$	$	$	$
1931 Taxes						
State Aid Road	6,407 96					
Third Class	916 88					
Snow Removal	247 50					
Pensions	234 00					
Paupers	20 83					
Bank Stock	3 15					
Patrol	50 00					
School Fund	1,310 37					
School Adjustment	100 00					
Dog Licenses Refunded	5 73					
Railroad and Telegraph Tax	44					
Porcupine Bounties	31 25					
Merrill Trust Co.		10,600 00				
Auto Excise Tax			449 05			
Town Clerk				62 00		
Ivan Farrar					7 43	
Sale of Gifford Property						122 30
Town of Greenbush						
Error from 1930-31						
Library Fund						

School Fund — Interest						
Hay — Gifford Farm						
A. L. Sevey — Culvert						
Interest Checking Account						
Tax Deeds						
Refund on Note Interest						
Interest on Tripp Note						
Interest on Tax Deeds						
Total Receipts	$ 9,328 11	$ 10,600 00	$ 449 05	$ 62 00	$ 7 43	$ 122 30

	Former Treas.	Interest Trust Funds	Misc.	Tax 1931	Tax Deeds	Total
	$	$	$	$	$	$
Feb. 19, 1931 Cash Balance						
1931 Taxes				12,827 83		
State Aid Road						
Third Class						
Snow Removal						
Pensions						
Paupers						
Bank Stock						
Patrol						
School Fund						
School Adjustment						
Dog Licenses Refunded						

Railroad and Telegraph Tax						
Porcupine Bounties						
Merrill Trust Co.						
Auto Excise Tax						
Town Clerk						
Ivan Farrar						
Sale of Gifford Property			43 00			
Town of Greenbush						
Error from 1930-31	111 51					
Library Fund		24 00				
School Fund—Interest		32 43				
Hay— Gifford Farm			16 00			
A. L. Sevey—Culvert			10 00			
Interest Checking Account			03			
Tax Deeds					158 03	
Refund on Note Interest			23 17			
Interest on Tripp Note			4 00			
Interest on Tax Deeds			14 86			
Total Receipts	$ 111 51	$ 56 43	$ 111 06	$ 12,827 83	$ 158 03	$ 33,833 75

Cash at Start	$ 69 67
To account for	$ 33,903 42
Selectmen's Orders	$ 33,594 99
Paid	308 43
Feb. 19, 1932 Cash Balance	$ 33,903 42

Report of Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

1931

Feb. 21. To Mr. and Mrs. Roland Kittridge, a son.
Apr. 18. To Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Randall, a son.
June 1. To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Willard, a daughter.
June 16. To Mr. and Mrs. James H. Adams, a son.
July 22. To Mr. and Mrs. Guy Gould, a son.
Dec. 27. To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neal, a daughter.

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Jan. 26. To Mr. and Mrs. Othie Sawyer, a son.
Jan. 29. To Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Covey, a son.

Deaths

1931

Apr. 14. Mr. Charles Brown, age 80 years, 10 months, 16 days.
June 27. Mr. A. G. Farrar, age 88 years, 23 days.
July 19. Mrs. Olive Judkins, age 84 years, 6 months, 26 days.
Sept. 23. Mrs. Etta Willard, age 71 years, 4 months, 3 days.
Dec. 13. Mrs. Sarah Ryder, age 83 years, 2 months, 20 days.
Dec. 25. Mrs. Ann Woodcock, age 84 years, 9 months, 9 days.

Marriages

1931

May 3. Mr. Frank G. Laughton and Miss Vernine I. West.

Aug. 27. Mr. Almon C. Hemenway and Miss Aletha E. Haseltine.

Oct. 24. Mr. Donald F. Hopkins and Miss Bernice M. Boody.

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Jan. 1. Mr. Lester R. Pingree and Miss Ruth M. Nutting.

Jan. 23. Mr. Roy E. Sevey and Miss Beatrice E. Tewksbury.

Respectfully submitted,
P. T. ADDITON, Town Clerk.

School Report

To the Citizens of Ripley:

The school committee and superintendent of schools herewith submit their annual report for the year ending Feb. 15, 1932.

The total number of pupils registered in the Ripley schools during this year is as follows: Hillside School 13, Jones School 19, Mills School 24, or 56 in all. In addition 16 grade school children are attending in adjoining towns at present. The school census list as submitted to the state in April, 1931 contained the names of 116 persons between the ages of five and twenty-one years.

For the names of teachers employed during the past twelve months the reader is referred to the financial statement on a succeeding page.

Pupils receiving grammar school diplomas at the graduation exercises of June, 1931 were Clement Campbell, Elizabeth Raymond, Marion Laughton, Adeline Monk, Vernal Farrar and Edith Richardson. Of these students all are at present in the N. H. Fay High School at Dexter except Edith Richardson who entered Harmony High and Marion Laughton who entered Maine Central Institute at Pittsfield.

Ripley's high school tuition pupils are at present divided as follows: In N. H. Fay High, Joseph B. Brown, Vera K. Dexter, H. Wayne Farrar, Vernal Farrar, Clement Campbell, Mary Folsom, Elizabeth Ray-

mond and Adeline Monk; in Harmony High School, Linwood Bane; in Maine Central Institute, Edward Laughton, Susan Laughton and Marion Laughton.

Costs of conveyance at present are as follows: three children of Maurice Briggs to Dexter, $3.00 per week; to Mrs. Vernon Holt for conveyance of three Perkins children, two Kittridge children, one Folsom and one Willard child to Webber School in Cambridge, $5.00 per week; Town of Dexter for conveyance of two Doyle and two Folsom children $6.33 per week; to H. L. Wakefield for Head-of-Pond children to Mills School, $12.00 per week.

Ripley Term Schedule 1931-32

Fall term began Sept. 8, closed Dec. 18, 1931.	15 wks.
Two weeks vacation	
Winter term began Jan. 4, closed Feb. 12, 1932.	6 "
Five weeks vacation	
Spring term begins Mar. 21, closes June 3, 1932.	11 "
	32 wks.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Very little in the way of up-keep of buildings has been attempted this year. A new flagpole was erected and equipped at the Jones School, and some small items of repair done. We have not yet secured gravel to overcome muddy condition of the school yards, as we had hoped to do. Much could be done for the benefit of the buildings, as is usually the case.

FINANCES

Cost of textbooks for the year past has been 67 cents per child, and for school supplies 69 cents per child per year.

Reference to accounts of past years shows that in the fall of 1921 the average wage of Ripley teachers was $17.40 per week. For the fall term of 1931 the average is $17.66, or an increase of 26 cents per week

in the ten years. Cost of conveyance of pupils for the year 1931-32 is, however, $478.18 greater than in 1921-22. Outside tuition for grade pupils is also an item that we now have but did not have a few years ago. It should also be remembered that the minimum number of weeks per year by law is now 32, while up to about three years ago it was only 30 weeks.

It should be noted that we have paid within this fiscal year for 33 weeks of school and conveyance, and 37 weeks for the pupils who do janitor work. This is because a change in arrangement of the school terms has made a small part of the present school year come before town meeting time, instead of after, as before. If the terms are kept as now the same thing will probably need to be done during the coming year until caught up.

At present there are 11 pupils belonging to Ripley within the Lane District, so-called. Your school officials have been studying this situation for possibilities of improved or equal opportunities at less cost. At present 4 of these children are now getting 36 weeks of school per year in Dexter. The yearly cost for these 11 pupils is now about $589.38, or $53.58 per pupil per year. If all were brought into the Dexter schools it appears that the cost would be exactly the same as now. The cost of running a school in that neighborhood for 32 weeks per year, if the same as the Jones or Hillside schools as now run, would be approximately $623.00. This does not take into account the cost of moving, repairing and suitably equipping the building, however.

According to state figures Ripley's municipal tax rate is .072, and out of this the rate for school purposes alone is .01263, while the average rate for the whole state for school purposes alone is now .01297. For all towns and plantations in Somerset County, also according to state figures, the average annual pay for

elementary teachers is $731.03. The average at present in Ripley is $565.12.

As a guide or basis to work from in making appropriations, in order to continue the schools on about the same plan as at present, the following sums would be necessary.

Ripley's apportionment of the state school fund was less this year than the year before by $217.85. The following estimates are based on the possibility that the state money might be no more next year than for this year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Common schools	$2,480 00
High school tuition	500 00
Textbooks	15 00
Repairs	
Miscellaneous	70 00
School committee	15 00
	$3,080 00

Last year's appropriations totalled $2,645.00. The reduced state money of $217.85 this year, and if the same next year, accounts for the above increased estimate of needs by $435.00, in order to come out even a year from now.

In closing we wish to thank all town officials and citizens who have assisted in the successful operation of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN WAKEFIELD,
CALVIN B. GOODWIN,
WESTON MILLS,
School Committee.

D. W. ROLLINS,
Supt. of Schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

COMMON SCHOOLS

Resources

Appropriation	$1,950 00	
State of Maine	793 70	
Permanent school fund	32 43	
Overdrawn, 1931-1932	233 86	
Total resources		$ 3,009 99

Expenditures

Teachers' Wages

Mills School:		
Ethelyn Additon, spring term, 16 weeks		$ 320 00
Vera Felker, fall term, 15 weeks		285 00
Vera Felker, winter term, 2 weeks		38 00
		$ 643 00
Jones School:		
Eleanor Bane, spring term, 16 weeks		$ 272 00
Eleanor Bane, fall term, 15 weeks		255 00
Eleanor Bane, winter term, 2 weeks		34 00
		$ 561 00
West Ripley School:		
Flora Laughton, spring term, 16 weeks		$ 272 00
Flora Laughton, fall term, 15 weeks		255 00
Flora Laughton, winter term, 2 weeks		34 00
		$ 561 00
Total teachers' wages		$ 1,765 00

FUEL

Calvin Goodwin	$77 50	
R. W. Mills	35 00	
Harland Wilkins	10 00	
Total fuel		$ 122 50

JANITOR'S SERVICES

Vernal Farrar	$12 00	
Marion Laughton	12 00	
Nelson Raymond	27 75	
Lula Farrar	15 75	
Andrew Laughton	15 75	
Total janitor's services		$ 83 25

CONVEYANCE

H. L. Wakefield	$396 00	
Mrs. Anne Monk	112 00	
Mrs. Vernon Holt	145 00	
Town of Dexter	205 38	
Total conveyance		$ 858 38

TUITION

Town of Cambridge	$ 172 50
Overdraft, 1930-1931	8 36
Total expenditures	$ 3,009 99

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Resources

Balance	$ 16 68	
Appropriation	500 00	
State of Maine	616 67	
Total resources		$ 1,133 35

Expenditures

Maine Central Institute	$240 00	
Town of Harmony	60 00	
Town of Dexter	665 00	
Total expenditures		$ 965 00
Balance		$ 168 35

TEXT BOOKS

Resources

Balance	$51 68	
Appropriation	30 00	
Total resources		$ 81 68

Expenditures

Town of Dexter	$ 3 77	
Chas. E. Merrill Company	3 36	
Milton Bradley Company	9 87	
Ginn and Company	4 59	
American Book Company	4 82	
Silver Burdett & Company	6 88	
D. C. Heath & Company	1 56	
Lyons and Carnahan	1 46	
Beckley-Cardy Company	1 27	
Total expenditures		$ 37 58
Balance		$ 44 10

REPAIRS

Resources

Balance	$54 57	
Appropriation	75 00	
Total resources		$ 129 57

Expenditures

R. W. Mills	$15 35	
H. L. Tillson & Co.	50	
John Wakefield	8 50	
Eldridge Bros.	2 00	
J. L. Packard Company	3 10	
C. B. Goodwin	6 00	
Total expenditures		$ 35 45
Balance		$ 94 12

MISCELLANEOUS

Resources

Balance	$24 04	
Appropriation	75 00	
Total resources		$ 99 04

Expenditures

B. H. Litchfield	$ 4 04	
Edes Bros.	80	
Town of Dexter	13 69	
The Educational Supply Company	4 23	
Gazette Publishing Co.	4 07	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	7 52	
Gertrude E. Decker	5 00	
Mrs. Ivan Farrar	6 00	
Flora M. Laughton	4 00	
W. E. Slater, Postmaster	10 00	
J. L. Hammett Company	7 73	
Maine Public Health Association	79	
Total expendiutres		$ 67 87
Balance		$ 31 17

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Resources

Appropriation		$ 15 00

Expenditures

John Wakefield	$5 00	
Calvin B. Goodwin	5 00	
Weston Mills	5 00	
Total expenditures		$ 15 00

SUMMARY

	Resources	Expenditures	Balances	O'drawn
Com. schools	$2,776 13	$3,009 99	$	$233 86
H. S. tuition	1,133 35	965 00	168 35	
Text books	81 68	37 58	44 10	
Repairs	129 57	35 45	94 12	
Miscellaneous	99 04	67 87	31 17	
School com.	15 00	15 00		
	$4,234 77	$4,130 89	$337 74	$233 86
Total balance			$	103 88

Report of Public Health Nurse

To the Citizens of the town of Ripley I hereby submit my report as Public Health Nurse for the year 1931.

Health is one's greatest asset, and our aim is to help the future generation to attain it.

The Health Education program used in the schools is the same as last year. Health Habit Charts are used for interesting the pupils in the formation of healthful habits of living, and 6 and 7 Point pins to encourage the correction of defects. At the end of the school year all 3 schools had been awarded trophys for the faithful performance of health habits over a period of 12 weeks: the Mills school had a certificate that 50% of the pupils teeth were in good condition; and 19 children were awarded 7 Point pins for qualifying on the 7 health points. A similar program is planned for the coming year.

The school work has included:

19 visits to schools

18 class room talks

Visits with Dr. Haskell, who gave his time to examine the pupil's teeth.

2 exclusions for symptoms of infectious skin disease.

The results of the annual inspections and dental examinations are as follows:

	Number examined	Defects found	Corrections made
Teeth	48	28	3
Throats	56	13	1
Weight	55	9	5
Vision	57	3	

Number of notices mailed to parents, 38

Number of children free from physical defects 9

In July a Baby and Preschool Conference was held at the Grange Hall with an attendance of 5 babies and their mothers. Mothers and babies from Ripley are always welcome at the Well Baby Conferences which are held every Wednesday afternoon at the nurse's office in Dexter.

10 instructive visits have been made, most of them to homes of school children; 11 bedside nursing visits; and 3 miscellaneous visits. Assistance was given with a tonsil operation in a physician's office.

In closing the nurse and her committee wish to express their appreciation to the teachers, and all others who have helped to make the year's work successful.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY CROSS, R. N.,
Public Health Nurse.

A sufficient number of these reports have been printed to furnish every interested citizen with a copy. An effort has been made to get them into the hands of the voters in advance. It should be borne in mind that if copies are left at home there may not be a sufficient number at the hall to go around on town meeting day. This year or any year it is desirable for you to have a copy of the annual report as soon as issued. It is also important for you to preserve it and bring it with you town meeting day morning.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Ripley

For the Year 1932-1933

DEXTER, MAINE
PRESS OF EASTERN GAZETTE
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Town Warrant

To Albert L. Sevey, a citizen of the Town of Ripley, in the County of Somerset: GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ripley, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Grange Hall in said town on the 6th day of March 1933 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the town officers.

Art. 4. To choose three or more selectmen, assessors, and overseers of the poor.

Art. 5. To choose a town treasurer.

Art. 6. To choose one or more road commissioners.

Art. 7. To choose one or more superintending school committee.

Art. 8. To see what method the town will adopt for payment and collection of taxes, and to choose a tax collector.

Art. 9. To choose one or more trustees of the Crocker Library; an auditor; a fire ward; and all other officers required to be chosen at this meeting.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the school at West Ripley, as is recommended by the School Committee and the Superintendent, or act anything thereon.

Art. 11. To appropriate sums of money for the support of common schools; school books; school house repairs; and miscellaneous school expense.

Art. 12. To appropriate a sum of money to pay tuition of high school scholars.

Art. 13. To see what action the town will take in relation to rebuilding the canal bridge, so called, at the village, to rescind any vote previously taken in relation to said bridge, or act anything thereon.

Art. 14. To appropriate a sum of money for maintenance of town ways and bridges in summer.

Art. 15. To adopt a method of maintaining town ways and highways during the snow season; to raise money for the purpose; or act anything thereon.

Art. 16. To appropriate sums of money for maintenance of State Aid Highways; Third Class and Special Resolve Roads; for early patrol; and cutting bushes on improved highways.

Art. 17. To appropriate a sum of money for the support of poor.

Art. 18. To appropriate sums of money to pay interest on town notes; to pay miscellaneous town expenses.

Art. 19. To appropriate sums of money for the support of Crocker Library; for purchase of snow fence; for street lights; for public health nurse, or act anything thereon.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to rescind all votes previously taken in relation to the so-called, cemetery committee, or act anything thereon.

Art. 21. To see if the town will adopt as their permanent system of accounting, the so-called State System now in use by the town officers, or act anything relating thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen and treasurer to borrow as a temporary loan or temporary loans to and for the use of the town in anticipation of taxes of the current municipal year of 1933-34, sums of money in the aggregate not exceeding one third the total assessment; and authorize the treasurer to execute the negotiable note or notes of the town therefor payable within said municipal year from moneys raised by taxation therein and upon such terms as shall be satisfactory to said selectmen and treasurer.

Art. 23. To appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of retiring outstanding notes, or act anything thereon.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating money necessary to entitle the town to State Aid as provided in Section 20 Chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes of 1930.

Art. 25. To see if the town will appropriate money for the improvement of the section of State Aid Highway as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, under the provisions of Section 19 or 22, Chapter 28, of Revised Statutes of 1930, or act anything thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the town will appropriate money under the Continuous Highway Act, Section 26 to 32, Chapter 28, Revised Statutes 1930, said money to be expended on Highway now under construction.

Art. 27. To see what action the town will take as to the use of the town hall, to rescind any vote or votes previously taken in relation to same, or act anything thereto.

Art. 28. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors, in full or in part, as presented by the board.

Art. 29. To act on any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You will give notice that the Selectmen will be in session at the Grange Hall on the said day of meeting at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving names and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Ripley, Maine, this 15th day of February A. D. 1933.

CLAYTON E. JEWETT,
CHARLES E. SEVEY,
H. L. WAKEFIELD,

Selectmen, Ripley, Maine.

Report of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

Ripley, Maine, February 1, 1933

To the Citizens of the Town of Ripley:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with the Statutes of the State, we herewith submit for your consideration this our annual report which includes tabulations of statistics.

ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Real estate, resident	$114,275 00	
Real estate, non-resident	47,160 00	
Total real estate		$161,435 00
Personal estate, resident	$17,500 00	
Personal estate, non-resident	1,015 00	
Total personal property		$ 18,515 00
Grand total valuation		$179,950 00
Total value of land		$108,890 00
Total value of buildings		52,545 00

Number of polls taxed	111	
Number of polls not taxed	12	
Number of male dogs	49	
Number of female dogs	2	
Number of spaded dogs	4	
Rate of taxation	.053	
Assessed on each poll	$3.00	
Commitment to collector:		
Resident real estate tax	$6,056 65	
Non-resident real estate tax	2,499 54	
Resident personal tax	927 63	
Non-resident personal tax	53 80	
Poll tax	333 00	
Supplementary tax	37 89	
		$ 9,908 51

TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	Av. Value	Total Value
57 horses and mules	$84 00	$4,785 00
2 colts, 2 to 3 years old	67 50	135 00
1 colt, under 2 years old	50 00	50 00
148 cows	35 27	5,230 00
91 three years old	29 34	2,670 00
102 two years old	25 54	2,605 00
37 sheep (over 35 in number)	4 20	155 00
160 poultry (over 50 in number)	62½	100 00
Total		$ 15,730 00

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	Av. Value	Total Value
103 one year olds	$14 37	$1,480 00
367 sheep (to 35 in number)	4 20	1,415 00
58 swine (to 10 in number)	9 05	525 00
1309 poultry (to 50 in number)	62½	820 00
Total		$ 4,240 00

ASSESSMENTS

Support of schools	$	2,180 00
School text books		15 00
Miscellaneous school expense		50 00
High school tuition		400 00
Roads and bridges in summer		1,000 00
Breaking roads in winter		500 00
Support of Crocker Library		75 00
Town charges		800 00
Interest on notes		300 00
Support of poor		600 00
Maintenance of third class and special resolve roads		250 00
Maintenance of patrol road		300 00
Early patrol		50 00
Street lights		48 00
Cutting bushes on improved roads		100 00
Insurance on buildings		100 00
Spring breaking		838 91
State tax		1,526 35
County tax		406 72
Total assessments: appropriations	$	9,539 98
Overlay		330 64
Grand total	$	9,870 62

ABATEMENTS

On taxes paid on or before June 20, 5%	$	175 02

OVERSEERS OF POOR DEPARTMENT

LOCAL POOR

Philander Knowles family

B. H. Litchfield, groceries	$75 19
J. S. Laughton, milk	8 85

Gordon's, clothing	6 48	
Ivan Farrar, transportation	7 50	
	$98 02	
From P. C. Knowles, on account	75	
	$	97 27

Fred Cyr

Clara Skillings, board, etc.	$182 70	
Mildred Leavitt, board	68 00	
B. H. Litchfield, supplies	1 95	
Montgomery Ward, clothing	3 34	
Harry Buzzell, cutting hair	1 65	
Dr. Burgess, medical aid	4 55	
Dr. Hammond, medical aid	19 00	
	$	281 19

L. Earl Leavitt

B. H. Litchfield, groceries	$ 3.45	
Cost of commitment to hospital	17 55	
	$21 00	
From Mildred Leavitt, on account	3 45	
	$	17 55

John Mosley family

Paid Mosley for medical aid	$50 00	
From Dexter, on account	35 00	
	$	15 00

Vagrants

Jesse Skillings, care of same	$2 50	
Lynden Clark, care of same	1 00	
B. H. Litchfield, food	26	
	$	3 76

STATE POOR

Leslie Covey family

B. H. Litchfield, groceries	$200 15		
Farrar Bros., potatoes, etc.	8 25		
Gordon's, clothing	5 65		
Nora Hamilton, clothing	65		
O. L. Sawyer, transportation	2 00		
		$	216 70

Aaron Fields family

B. H. Litchfield, groceries		$75 64		
Gordon's, clothing		5 94		
H. L. Bane, potatoes, etc.		19 57		
Dr. Strout, medical aid		90 00		
Dr. Moulton, medical aid		1 00		
		$192 15		
From State	$105 48			
From H. L. Bane, labor	5 00			
From Aaron Fields	8 00			
		$118 48		
			$	73 67

Fred Morton

Amos Lord, supplies		$	15 14
Total paupers		$	720 28

SOLDIERS' WIDOW AID

Widow number 1, pension	$60 00		
Widow number 2, pension	72 00		
		$	132 00
From State		$	132 00

SOLDIERS' WIDOW BURIAL

Widow Number 1,	$104 50

From State	100 00	
		$ 4 50
		$ 724 78
Appropriation		600 00
Over expended		$ 124 78

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT

	Reciepts	Payments
Cash balance Feb. 19, 1932 $	308 43	
1932 taxes from collector	8,737 90	
1931 taxes from collector	1,029 11	
Excise tax from collector	273 33	
Tax deeds	123 71	
Common schools	768 32	$ 2,910 82
School repairs	40	113 18
High school tuition	617 22	1,235 83
School text books		46 65
Miscellaneous school account		42 73
Breaking roads	660 61	1,009 72
50-50 patrol	50 00	100 00
Third class road construction	756 75	756 75
Special resolve road	389 05	389 05
Roads and bridges (summer)		998 15
Maintenance 3rd class road		215 99
Maintenance patrol road		297 90
Cutting bushes		65 00
Spring breaking		838 92
Library	40 90	115 90
Town charges	104 93	1,169 49
Interest	47 60	307 85
Support of poor	257 68	982 46
Pensions	132 00	132 00
Temporary loans	3,000 00	2,500 00

Notes payable (old)		420 00
Gifford farm (expense)	16 00	37 85
Leavitt farm mortgage	42 28	461 64
Street lights		48 00
Insurance		30 00
State tax		1,526 35
County tax		406 72
Cash Balance Feb. 4, 1933		197 27
	$ 17,356 22	$ 17,356 22

Accounts overdrawn	
Common school	$ 163 93
School repairs	18 66
High school tuition	50 26
Poor account & state aid	124 78
Gifford farm (expense)	21 85
(Gifford farm rent and fuel due $90.00)	
Accounts showing an unexpended balance:	
Roads and bridges (summer)	$ 1 85
Winter roads	150 89
Town charges	377 29
Interest	7 32
Maintenance third class	34 01
Maintenance patrol road	2 10
Cutting bushes	35 00
Insurance	70 00
Text books	12 45
Miscellaneous school expense	38 44

TOWN CHARGES

Appropriated by town	$ 800 00
Overlay	330 63
Excise tax	273 33
State, dog license refund	3 60
R. R. and Tel. tax	40
Clerk, dog license	63 00

State, interest on bank stock		2 14
State, porcupine bounty refund		8 75
Cemetery fund		27 04
Supplemental tax		37 89
	$	1,546 78

EXPENDED

Officers Bills

Clayton Jewett, services selectman, assessor, overseer of poor	$75 00		
Charles Sevey, services selectman, asssesor, overseer of poor	40 00		
H. L. Wakefield, services selectman, assessor, overseer of poor	35 00		
Albert Sevey, services as treasurer	40 00		
P. T. Additon, services as clerk	20 00		
Calvin Goodwin, services school board	5 00		
Weston Mills, services school board	5 00		
Bertha Haseltine, services school board	5 00		
Amos Lord, tax collector	90 01		
C. E. Tripp, services as moderator	3 00		
D. W. Rollins, services superintendent	152 38		
Harry Buzzell, services fire ward	9 00		
George Knowles, services constable	5 00		
O. L. Sawyer, services ballot clerk	6 00		
Edward Page, services ballot clerk	6 00		
		$	496 39

OTHER EXPENSES

Traveling expenses selectmen, assessors, and overseers of poor:		
Augusta, 3 times	$30 00	
Bangor, 1 time	10 00	

Pittsfield, 3 times		15 00	
Skowhegan, 6 times		33 00	
Auditing town accounts		15 00	
Lights for hall		36 00	
Postage, telephone:			
P. T. Additon	$ 5 90		
A. L. Sevey	10 00		
C. E. Jewett	11 40		
		$ 27 30	
Record books:			
From State	$47 58		
ten year book	10 70		
assessors books	10 43		
other stationery	3 95		
		$ 72 66	
Gazette Pub. Co., reports		67 60	
Bounty on porcupine		74 25	
Road machinery repair		40 25	
Adding machine		20 00	
Legal advice		10 00	
Sexton services, and care of lots:			
Edward Page	$ 4 00		
Chas. Downing	3 00		
Charles Johnston	12 00		
Committee	27 04		
		$ 46 04	
Ripley Grange, use of hall		10 00	
State, dog tax		63 00	
National Used Car Market Report		6 00	
Recording vital statistics		1 25	
Recording deeds		2 00	
Screening dam		18 75	
Costs collecting 1931 taxes		75 00	
Total			$ 1,169 49
Unexpended			$ 377 29

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ASSETS

Cash in treasury		$ 197 27
Due from collector, 1931 taxes		139 84
Due from collector, 1931 taxes (costs of collection)		75 00
collector, 1932 taxes		995 59
tax deeds		251 46
State, pauper account		318 51
rent and fuel Gifford farm		90 00
State, porcupine bounty		74 25
snow removal		613 00
Town of Dexter, pauper account		15 00
Gifford farm deed		800 00
Leavitt farm mortgage, etc.		443 66
Total		$ 4,013 58

LIABILITIES

Due on notes		$ 4,880 00
Total		$ 4,880 00
Less assets		4,013 58
Town debt		$ 866 42

THIRD CLASS ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Funds available		$ 756 75
Paid for labor and material:		
Earth excavation	$ 54 00	
Gravel base	274 50	
Gravel surfacing	60 80	
Re-surfacing	357 90	
Metal culvert	9 55	
Total expended		$ 756 75

Length of road built	650 feet
Cost of road per foot	61¢
Several hundred feet of road resurfaced	

SPECIAL RESOLVE ROAD

Funds available		$ 400 00
Paid for labor and material:		
Clearing and grubbing	$ 81 00	
Sub base	119 05	
Stone base	84 00	
Stone culvert	10 00	
Surfacing	95 00	
Cost of supervision	10 95	
		$ 400 00
Length of road built		600 feet
Cost of road per foot		66⅔¢

Respectfully submitted,

CLAYTON E. JEWETT,
CHARLES E. SEVEY,
H. L. WAKEFIELD,

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor.

HIGHWAY DISTRIBUTION SHEET

	summer	3rd class maint.	Special resolve	3rd class const.	50-50	Spring	Cutting bushes	Winter
Additon, P. T.		$18 00	$31 50	$117 00				
Alton, Frank	$ 6 00					$13 13		
Bane, Hiram	64 75					16 51		
Bane, Jeptha								
Bane, Linwood	18 00					50		
Britten, Bert								
Britten, William	51 00							
Brown, Bernard	3 00		9 00					
Brown, George	50					4 45		
Buck, Arthur				7 55				
Berger Metal Culvert Co.								$ 2 00
Clark, Lynden							$15 00	
Cooley, Coburn							10 00	
Cooley, Ernest						50		
Corson, Ivan								
Curtis, Annie	27 85							
Decker, Adelbert	3 00							3 50
Decker, L. R.	18 00					1 50		
Downing, Charles						12 50		
Doyle, Everett		78						
Doyle, Wilmont		9 56		8 00				
Ellms, A. L.			20 00					

Ellms, Charles	22 50	18 00	31 50			9 76		
Ellms, Chester	10 00							
Farrar, Archie								2 00
Farrar, Chester	4 00		9 00			3 00		
Farrar, Raymond	72 00		48 00		24 00			
Folsom, Albert						1 13		
Folsom, Fred		10 00		28 00		2 75		
Fields, Aaron	8 00							
Gould, Guy	8 00							
Gould, Harry	9 13	2 00		26 00				
Gower, Harold	72 00	2 00		99 00	8 00			
Haseltine, Linwood								50
Haseltine, Fred								2 00
Haseltine, John								2 00
Hemenway, Clyde	1 00				7 50			2 00
Hopkins, S. M.	3 00							
Henderson & Bridgham								938 00
Jewett Bros.	4 50					14 75		1 00
Jewett, Clayton						4 38		5 50
Jewett, Clyde			12 00	20 00				3 50
Johnston, Chas.	3 00						10 00	2 00
Jones, Charles						12 33		
Kittridge, Roland		6 66		24 00		10 00		
Knowles, Geo.						2 25		
Knowles, Philander	8 00					75		

Lancaster, Bernard	1 00		17 00				
Lane, R. C.			30 00			30 00	
Laughton, Frank						2 00	
Laughton, John						9 76	
Laughton, J. M.	2 00					2 75	
Lord, Amos	7 11		8 00			30 00	
Leavitt, Earl						38	
Monk, Elmer	24 50						
Morton, Fred			4 00				
MacDougal, Geo.	4 50					15 00	
McKenney, Perley					7 50		
Neal, Robert							2 00
Page, J. Ed.	4 80						
Perkins, L. R.		11 56		20 00		3 75	
Perkins, Philip						75	
Philbrick, Wilbur	9 00		2 00				
Philbrick, Rupert							2 00
Phinney, Harlan	12 60				12 50		
Pingree, Elmer							1 00
Pingree, Elwin	5 00		1 00				2 00
Pingree, Lester	6 00		4 67		3 75		3 00
Peavey, Ed.						586 00	
Randall, A. C.	18 00		40 50		23 75		
Raymond, H. S.	1 00				5 00		2 00
Richardson, Henry						2 01	
Richardson, Walter						50	6 22

Rumery, Floyd						1 25		
Sawyer, O. L.	2 00							
Sevey, Albert	112 50	63 50		116 00	8 00	7 51		3 50
Sevey, Ernest	59 43	34 00		97 00				
Sevey, Elmer	10 00			4 00		1 13		
Sevey, Charles	77 50	24 06	2 55	68 00		2 13	10 00	4 00
Sevey, Roy	10 00			2 00		1 13	10 00	
Sevey, John	6 00							4 00
Skillings, Clifton						1 13		
Skillings, Jesse						9 05		2 00
Stafford, Kenneth								2 00
Spencer, Archie			11 00					
Tewksbury, Aaron						4 00		
Tewksbury, Carl	8 00					25		2 00
Wakefield, Dan	29 00	3 56	14 00					2 00
Wakefield, Frank						12 25		
Wakefield, H. L.	55 25		48 00			1 00		2 00
Wakefield, John	21 25		12 00	10 00				4 00
Wakefield, Vance	44 00	9 56	24 00	10 00			10 00	2 00
Webber, John	12 77							
Wheeler, Ed	34 38					50		
Willard, Clyde						4 50		
Woodcock, John			9 33					
Woodcock, M. F.	3 33							
Watt, C. C.		2 75		100 20				
	$998 15	$215 99	$389 05	$756 75	$100 00	$838 92	$65 00	$1,009 72

Treasurer's Report

Cash in treasury February 19, 1932	$ 308 43	
Receipts	17,047 79	
Total		$ 17,356 22
Paid on selectmen's warrants	$17,158 95	
Cash in treasury February 1, 1933	197 27	
		$ 17,356 22

	Dr.	Cr.
Cemetery trust funds	$ 781 89	$ 781 89
Library trust fund	832 92	832 92
School note	540 55	540 55

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT L. SEVEY, Town Treasurer.

Tax Collector's Report

Commitment	$9,870 62	
Supplementary tax	37 89	
Total		$ 9,908 51
Collected and turned over	$8,737 90	
Allowed on abatement	175 02	
Uncollected	995 59	
		$ 9,908 51

DELINQUENT TAXES

Resident

H. N. Bowdoin	$ 73 76	
Walter Dunlap	4 60	
W. S. Nutter	3 98	
Lenora M. Nutter, heirs	71 55	
C. F. Folsom	83 03	
Irvin York	3 00	
John Stone	3 00	
Bernard Lancaster	38 25	
Archie Spencer	28 18	
Elmer Monk	121 99	

Non-resident

George Bowdoin	15 90	
William Trefetheren	73 58	
		$ 520 82
Received since February 1st		474 77
		$ 995 59

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS LORD, Tax Collector.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Augusta, Maine, February 16, 1933.

To the Selectmen of Ripley, Maine:

This is to certify that we have audited the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Collector of the Town of Ripley for the year ending February 4, 1933 and that the attached statements show the true financial standing of the town as of that date and are correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Department of Audit,

By A. W. REEVES,
Auditor of Municipal Accounts.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

Cash Balance February 19, 1932		$ 308 43
Receipts by Departments:		
Common schools	$ 768 32	
School repairs	40	
High school tuition	617 22	
Breaking roads	660 61	
Library	40 90	
Town charges	104 93	
Interest	47 60	
Support of poor	257 68	
50-50 patrol	50 00	
Supplemental tax	37 89	
1931 taxes	1,029 11	
1932 taxes	8,700 01	
Tax deeds	123 71	
Temporary loans	3,000 00	

Excise tax 1932	273 33	
Pensions	132 00	
Third class road construction	756 75	
Special resolve road	389 05	
Leavitt mortgage	42 28	
Gifford farm	16 00	
Total cash receipts		$ 17,047 79
Total receipts and cash on hand		$ 17,356 22

Total Payments by Departments:

Common schools	$2,910 82	
High school tuition	1,235 83	
Text books	46 65	
School repairs	113 18	
School miscellaneous	42 73	
Roads and bridges (summer)	998 15	
Breaking roads	1,009 72	
Library	115 90	
Town charges	1,169 49	
Interest	307 85	
Support of poor	982 46	
Maintenance, Special Resolve and Third Class road	215 99	
Maintenance patrol	297 90	
50-50 patrol	100 00	
Street lights	48 00	
Cutting bushes	65 00	
Insurance	30 00	
Spring breaking	838 92	
State tax	1,526 35	
County tax	406 72	
Temporary loans	2,500 00	
Pensions	132 00	
Third class road construction	756 75	
Special Resolve road	389 05	

Leavitt mortgage	461 64	
Gifford farm expense	37 85	
Notes payable	420 00	
Total payments		$ 17,158 95
Cash on hand February 4, 1933		197 27
		$ 17,356 22

Town Clerk's Report

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

1932

Mar. 9. To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sevey, a son.

Mar. 20. To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gower, a son.

Apr. 1. To Mr. and Mrs. Ivory Corson, a daughter.

Apr. 2. To Mr. and Mrs. Almon C. Hemenway, a daughter.

May 1. To Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Fields, a daughter.

June 11. To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hopkins, a daughter.

July 8. To Mr. and Mrs. Neil Felker, a son.

Nov. 29. To Mr. and Mrs. George MacDougall, a son.

1933

Jan. 15. To Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sevey, a daughter.

Deaths

1932

Mar. 23. William E. Gower, age 3 days.

June 6. Mr. William S. Tewksbury, age 82 years, 8 months, 7 days.

June 10. Mr. Andrew H. Buck, age 90 years, 7 months, 15 days.

July 6. Mrs. Rose Lombard, age 72 years, 12 days.

July 18. Mr. Joseph Herbert Skillings, age 65 years, 2 months, 5 days.

Sept. 14. Mr. George R. Sampson, age 97 years, 1 month, 19 days.

Dec. 3. Mrs. Louisa F. Sampson, age 97 years, 10 months.

1933

Jan. 25. Mr. George Rumery, age 76 years, 9 months, 26 days.

Marriages

1932

June 4. Mr. Elmer L. Sevey and Miss Ethel Cool.

June 16. Mr. Vance L. Wakefield and Miss Beatrice H. Brawn.

Respectfully submitted,

P. T. ADDITON, Town Clerk.

School Report

To the Citizens of Ripley:

Following is the annual report of the schools of the Town of Ripley, for the year ending Feb. 1, 1933, as submitted by the school committee and superintendent.

For the present school year there are 29 pupils registered in the Mills School, 19 in the Jones School and 9 in the Hillside School, or 57 in the three schools. In addition to this number 14 grade pupils are at present attending school in adjoining towns as follows: Two Leavitt children in Harmony; three children of Maurice Briggs in Dexter; one Lancaster boy in Dexter; two children of Albert Folsom in Dexter; two children of Roland Kittridge, two children of L. R. Perkins, one at Fred Folsom's and one Willard child in Cambridge. The school census list as made up in April, 1932, contained the names of 112 persons between the ages of 5 and 21 years.

Names of teachers employed during the past year are contained in the common school account statement on a following page.

At the Ripley Grammar School graduation exercises held in June, 1932, diplomas were awarded to Nelson Raymond, Lloyd Cooley, Maurice Sawyer and Louise Littlefield.

The high school pupils of the town are at present distributed as follows: Linwood Bane in Harmony

High School; Susan Laughton and Marion Laughton at Maine Central Institute; Joseph B. Brown, Vera K. Dexter, H. Wayne Farrar, Vernal Farrar, Mary Folsom Elizabeth Raymond, Adeline Monk, Lloyd G. Cooley, Louise Littlefield, Phillip J. Perkins, Nelson Raymond and Maurice Sawyer in N. H. Fay High School at Dexter.

Costs of conveyance of pupils for this year are as follows: three children of Maurice Briggs to Dexter, $3.00 per week, for six children on the Cambridge Road to the Webber School in Cambridge, $5.00 per week, for two children of Albert Folsom to Dexter, $1.23 per week, to H. L. Wakefield for Head-of-Pond children to the Mills School, $9.00 per week.

Ripley Term Schedule for 1932-33

Fall term began Sept. 5, closed Dec. 16, 1932,	15 wks.
Two weeks vacation	
Winter term began Jan. 2, closes Mar. 3, 1933.	9 "
Five weeks vacation	
Spring term begins Apr. 10, closes June 2, 1933.	8 "
	32 weeks

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Only minor repairs such as keeping doors, windows, stoves, etc., in working order have been given the Jones and Hillside schools during the past year. At the Mills school two pieces of new blackboard were installed as the old ones were very bad for the eyesight of the children and the school was to be large, also 16 second hand adjustable seats and desks of modern design were bought and installed. These took the place of a part of the old double seats and made it possible to have nearly all of the 29 children seated singly, a great advantage. It would appear likely that the Jones school will have to be shingled next summer. A certain amount of small repair work has to be done

every year, as above mentioned. It would be highly desirable to finish the installation of single seats in the Mills school, so they would have an entire outfit of modern seats and desks, even though second hand.

FINANCES

According to the expressed wish of the town teachers' wages were reduced considerably for this year. The average wage is now $15.50 per week, and last year was $17.66 per week. Cost of textbooks per pupil for the past year was 82 cents, and cost of school supplies per pupil per year was 55 cents. These two items were kept perhaps lower than they should have been. Probably more will have to be spent for textbooks next year, as a large number of books were destroyed by rats and mice in the Jones school before discovered and stopped, last summer. This school should have a storage closet for books where they can be kept from being destroyed.

The Ripley tax rate for the year past, according to State figures, was 53 mills per dollar, and of this rate 13 and 1-10 mills went for school purposes, including high school students.

Ripley's apportionment of State School Fund money was about $25. less this year than for the year before. Two years ago, however, the town received $217.85 less than the year before that. This was the principal cause of an overdraft on Feb. 20, 1932. We have now reduced that overdraft, but have not wiped it out as yet.

One major problem is the fact that many pupils live at a distance from any established school and therefore either conveyance, or conveyance and tuition have to be provided for. Your town officials have studied this problem continuously, and have worked out the present arrangements which seemed to be the best that could be found without depriving children of their rightful opportunities. If all pupils lived near

one of the three schools in town, of course expense would be much reduced.

Contrary to custom, no recommendation of appropriations for school purposes will be included in this report by your school committee this year. One reason for this is that the finance committee of the town will make a study of appropriations and report their findings at a later date.

It can be said this year with particular truthfulness that the schools have been very fortunate in their teachers. We also feel that the three schools have fully lived up to past standards of work, conduct and efficiency in carrying out their purpose.

The schools are building our future citizens. Other public works can be delayed without serious loss, but curtailment or weakening of school privileges can never be made up to these present day children. In spite of the fact that financial conditions are out of joint at the present time, it appears to be assumed by national leaders of all parties that the American public will bend every effort to see that the American child shall not have his future handicapped on account of it.

Your school officials wish to express their thanks to other town officers and to all who have assisted in making the past school year successful.

Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN B. GOODWIN,
R. W. MILLS,
MRS. BERTHA HASELTINE,
School Committee.

D. W. ROLLINS,
Supt. of Schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

COMMON SCHOOLS

Resources

Appropriation	$2,180 00	
State school fund	768 32	
Int. on permanent school fund	32 43	
Total resources		$ 2,980 75

Expenditures

Teachers' Wages

Mills School:		
Vera H. Felker, winter term, 1932, 4 wks.		$ 76 00
Vera H. Felker, spring term, 11 weeks		209 00
Rena Eaton, fall term, 15 weeks		255 00
Rena Eaton, winter term, 2 weeks		34 00
		$ 574 00
Jones School:		
Eleanor Bane, winter term, 1932, 4 wks		$ 68 00
Eleanor Bane, spring term, 8 weeks		136 00
Rena Eaton, spring term, 3 weeks		51 00
Vera Felker, fall term, 15 weeks		232 50
Vera Felker, winter term, 2 weeks		31 00
		$ 518 50
Hillside School:		
Flora Laughton, winter term, 1932, 4 wks.		$ 68 00
Flora Laughton, spring term, 11 weeks		187 00
Flora Laughton, fall term, 15 weeks		210 00
Flora Laughton, winter term, 2 weeks		28 00
		$ 493 00
Total teachers' wages		$ 1,585 50

FUEL

R. W. Mills	$48 00	
C. B. Goodwin	56 00	
Harland Wilkins	10 00	
		$ 114 00

JANITORS

Nelson Raymond	$ 8 25	
Donald Raymond	11 25	
Lula Farrar	19 50	
Andrew Laughton	19 50	
B. H. Litchfield, janitor's supplies	86	
John Laughton, banking Hillside school	2 50	
		$ 61 86

CONVEYANCE

Mrs. Vernal Holt	$155 00	
H. L. Wakefield	333 00	
Town of Dexter, re-imbursement,	437 46	
		$ 925 46

(Cambridge road 262.46, Briggs route 150.00, Lancaster boy 25.00)

TUITION

Town of Cambridge	$ 224 00
Overdraft of 1932	$ 233 86
Total expenditures	$ 3,144 68
Overdrawn	$ 163 93

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Resources

Appropriation	$400 00	
Re-imbursement from State	617 22	
Balance unexpended, 1932	168 35	
		$ 1,185 57

Expenditures

Maine Cent. Institute, winter and spring term	$180 00	
Maine Cent. Institute, fall term, 1932	80 00	
Town of Harmony	83 33	
Town of Dexter, 1st half of 1931-32	192 50	
Town of Dexter, 2d half of 1931-32	280 00	
Town of Dexter, 1st half of 1932-33	420 00	
		$ 1,235 83
Overdrawn		$ 50 26

TEXTBOOK ACCOUNT

Resources

Appropriation	$15 00	
Balance forward from last year	44 10	
		$ 59 10

Expenditures

Ginn & Co.	$ 9 79	
D. C. Heath & Co.	1 56	
Lyons & Carnahan	11 52	
Charles E. Merrill Co.	89	
Silver, Burdett & Co.	12 83	
D. Appleton & Co.	1 28	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	6 54	
World Book Company	2 24	
		$ 46 65
Balance unexpended		$ 12 45

REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Resources

Appropriation		
Balance forward from last year	$94 12	
Damage collected	40	
		$ 94 52

Expenditures

John Laughton	$ 1 50	
W. H. Moore & Son	3 15	
C. M. Ellms, trucking seats	10 00	
Town of Farmington, seats	40 00	
Starkey & Toner, Inc., blackboards	28 60	
C. B. Goodwin	4 50	
Wood & Bishop Co.	8 80	
J. L. Packard Co.	1 07	
F. L. Haseltine	6 20	
Bucknam & Mountain	8 46	
Fay & Scott	90	
		$ 113 18
Overdrawn		$ 18 66

MISCELLANEOUS SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Resources

Balance from last year	$31 17	
Appropriation	50 00	
		$ 81 17

Expenditures

B. H. Litchfield	$ 1 40
The Educational Supply Co.	3 51
Gazette Publishing Co.	2 25
Mrs. Ivan Farrar	5 00
E. E. Babb & Co.	2 40
J. L. Hammett Company	10 21
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins	10 81

Maine Public Health Association	30	
Farrar Bros.	5 00	
Dexter School Dept. supplies	1 85	
		$ 42 73
Unexpended balance		$ 38 44

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

Resources

Appropriation		$ 15 00

Expenditures

C. B. Goodwin	$5 00	
R. W. Mills	5 00	
Mrs. Bertha Haseltine	5 00	
		$ 15 00

SUMMARY

	Resources	Expenditures	Balances	O'drawn
Com. schools	$2,980 75	$3,144 68	$	$163 93
H. S. tuition	1,185 57	1,235 83		50 26
Text books	59 10	46 65	12 45	
Repairs	94 52	113 18		18 66
Miscellaneous	81 17	42 73	38 44	
School Com.	15 00	15 00		
	$4,416 11	$4,598 07	$50 89	$232 85
Total overdrawn				$ 181 96

REPORT OF PUBLIC NURSE

To the Citizens of the town of Ripley I hereby submit my report as Public Health Nurse for the year 1932.

The school health work this year has followed much the same plan as in former years. It includes annual

inspection of all pupils, class room inspections to prevent the spread of infectious skin disease, talks to pupils, and assisting the teachers with their health programs,

The results of the annual inspections and dental examinations, for which Dr. Kelley gave his time, are as follows:

	Number inspected	Defects found	Corrections made
Teeth	43	21	3
Throat	56	15	
Weight	56	7	3
Vision	52	3	1
Hearing	45	1	

28 notes of defects found were sent to parents. 15 of the 43 children who were present for the full inspection were found free from any signs of physical defects.

The 3 schools have used the Health Habit Charts for training in good personal habits. For the successful completion of the charts for a 12 week period they received seals from the Maine Public Health Association. The Jones and Hillside schools also received certificates for having 50% or more of the childrens teeth in good condition. 10 children qualified for 7 Point pins by having good posture, throat, teeth, vision, hearing, weight, and a birth certificate.

The school work has also included:

Visits to schools	17
Class room talks	15
Class room inspections	8
Exclusion for symptoms of infectious skin disease	8

A baby and preschool conference which was held at the Grange Hall in June was attended by 2 babies and 12 preschool children.

17 home visits have been made, 12 of them to homes of school children. A child was taken to an eye specialist to have her eyes examined and glasses fitted, and later returned for re-examination.

In closing we wish to express our appreciation to individuals, for their support and cooperation during the past year, and hope that the community as a whole will be in favor of continuing this service, for the health of its children during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY M. CROSS, R. N.,
Public Health Nurse.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Ripley

For the Year 1933-1934

DEXTER, MAINE
PRESS OF EASTERN GAZETTE
1934

Town Warrant

To Clayton C. Courser, a citizen of the Town of Ripley, in the County of Somerset:

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ripley, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Grange Hall in said town on the 5th day of March 1934 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year, and vote his compensation.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the town officers.

Art. 4. To choose three or more selectmen, assessors, and overseers of the poor, and vote their compensation.

Art. 5. To choose a town treasurer, and vote his compensation.

Art. 6. To choose one or more road commissioners, and vote their compensation.

Art. 7. To choose one or more superintending school committee.

Art. 8. To see what method the town will adopt for payment and collection of taxes, to choose a tax collector, and vote his compensation.

Art. 9. To choose one or more trustees of the Crocker Library; an auditor; a fire ward; and all other officers required to be chosen at this meeting.

Art. 10. To see what action the town will take in relation to paying the town officers for the year 1933-34, to fix the compensation in each instance, or act anything thereon.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of common schools, school books, school house repairs, and miscellaneous school expense.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise to pay tuition of high school scholars, and see if the town will pay tuition for more than four years in any individual case.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to instruct the school officials to reopen the school at the head of the pond, or act anything thereon.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise to maintain town ways and bridges in summer.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the purpose of maintaining town ways and highways during the snow season.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to grant and raise the sum of $50.00 to be used in removing the bluffs of ledge on the Decker road.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of $150.00 to be expended from the Decker road to the Dexter town line, or act anything thereon.

Art. 18. To see if the town will raise $150.00 to repair the road beginning at the Dexter-Ripley town line at the head of the lake, to the Dexter-Ripley town line on Waldheim road, or act anything thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to grant and raise the sum of $25.00 to be used in purchasing paint for the iron fences at Ferndale and West Ripley cemeteries, or act anything thereon.

Art. 20. To grant and raise a sum of money for the support of poor.

Art. 21. To grant and raise a sum of money to pay miscellaneous town expenses.

Art. 22. To grant and raise a sum of money to purchase snow fence.

Art. 23. To grant and raise a sum of money to pay interest on town notes.

Art. 24. To grant and raise a sum of money for the support of Crocker library.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of $48.00 for street lights, or act anything thereon.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of $15.00 for Memorial Day, and choose a committee of three to have charge of the same or act anything thereon.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating money necessary to entitle the town to State Aid as provided in Section 20 Chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes of 1930.

Art. 28. To see if the town will appropriate money for the improvement of the section of State Aid Highway as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, under the provisions of Section 19 or 22, Chapter 28, of Revised Statutes of 1930, or act anything thereto.

Art. 29. To see if the town will appropriate money under the Continuous Highway Act, Section 26 to 32, Chapter 28, Revised Statutes 1930, said money to be expended on Highway now under construction.

Art. 30. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the maintenance of State Aid Highways; Third Class and Special Resolve Roads; for early patrol; and cutting bushes on improved highways.

Art. 31. To see what action the town will take in relation to purchasing the Linn tractor and snow plow, or act anything thereon.

Art. 32. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of $15.00 for public health nurse.

Art. 33. To see if the town will raise one half the cost for the remainder of the seats needed in the Mills school. The School League paying half.

Art. 34. To see if the town will grant and raise a sum of money for the purpose of retiring outstanding notes, or act anything thereon.

Art. 35. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen and Treasurer to borrow as a temporary loan or temporary loans to and for the use of the town in anticipation of taxes of the current municipal year of 1934-35, or act anything thereon.

Art. 36. To see if the town will provide a suitable storage place for the snow fence other than that by the roadside, or act anything thereon.

You will give notice that the Selectmen will be in session at the Grange Hall on the said day of meeting at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving names and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Ripley, Maine, this 19th day of February A. D. 1934.

CLAYTON E. JEWETT,
CHARLES E. SEVEY,
HIRAM L. BANE,

Selectmen, Ripley, Maine.

Report of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

Ripley, Maine, February 1, 1934

To the Citizens of the Town of Ripley:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with the Statutes of the State, we herewith submit for your consideration this, our annual report which includes tabulations of statistics.

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Real estate, resident	$109,775 00	
Real estate, non-resident	45,845 00	
		$ 155,620 00
Personal estate, resident	$18,685 00	
Personal estate, non-resident	625 00	
		$ 19,310 00
Grand total valuation		$ 174,930 00
Value of land		$ 100,855 00
Value of buildings		54,765 00
Number of polls taxed	110	
Number of polls not taxed	10	
Number of dogs	48	
Rate of taxation	.0495	

Assessed on each poll	$3.00	
Commitment to collector:		
Poll tax	$ 330 00	
Resident real estate tax	5,434 06	
Non-resident real estate tax	2,269 43	
Resident personal estate tax	925 23	
Non-resident personal estate tax	30 96	
Supplemental tax	36 40	
		$ 9,026 08

TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	Av. Value	Total Value
1 colt 3 to 4 years old	$75 00	$ 75 00
1 colt 2 to 3 years old	75 00	75 00
1 colt under 2 years old	40 00	40 00
229 cows	25 89	5,930 00
97 3 year olds	23 09	2,240 00
123 2 year olds	17 31	2,130 00
25 sheep (over 35 in number)	2 80	70 00
10 swine (over 10 in number)	5 00	50 00
210 poultry (over 50 in number)	50	150 00
Total		$ 15,740 00

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	Av. Value	Total Value
100 1 year olds	$10 80	$1,080 00
367 sheep (to 35 in number)	2 80	1,060 00
56 swine (to 10 in number)	6 60	370 00
1400 poultry (to 50 in number)	50	700 00
Total		$ 3,210 00

ASSESSMENTS

Support of common schools	$ 1,850 00
High school tuition	400 00
Roads and bridges in summer	800 00

Maintenance of winter roads	1,000 00
State Aid highway	300 00
Maintenance 3rd class and special resolve roads	285 00
50-50 road money	50 00
Cutting bushes improved roads	75 00
Support of poor	700 00
Interest on notes	300 00
Miscellaneous expense	650 00
Library	75 00
Snow fence	200 00
Health nurse	15 00
Maintenance State Aid highway	300 00
State tax	1,297 42
County tax	244 96
Total assessments: Appropriations	$ 8,542 38
Overlay	447 30
Grand total	$ 8,989 68

ABATEMENTS

1933-34

On taxes paid on or before June 15th 5%	$130 02	
Roland Kittridge, error in listing	4 95	
Harry Kittridge, error in listing	2 48	
Walter Eaton, no land	1 25	
		$ 138 70

1932-33

John Stone, not advisable to collect	$ 3 00	
Ervin York, not advisable to collect	3 00	
Joe Eaton, over tax	10 60	
L. C. Shepherd, adjustment to settle tax	10 60	
		$ 27 20

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

RESIDENT

Fred Cyr

Mildred Leavitt, board and care	$ 35 00	
B. H. Litchfield, supplies	1 00	
Dr. W. J. Hammond, medical aid	4 00	
Dr. A. B. Morrison, medical aid	10 00	
Vincent Goforth, burial	100 37	
Rev. H. H. Hayes	5 00	
		$ 155 37

George Rumery

Ramsay & Gates Co., burial		$ 88 00

Wynona Randall

Vincent Goforth, burial	$83 30	
Received from Alven Randall	15 00	
		$ 68 30

Frank Alton Family

Dr. A. B. Morrison, medical aid	$37 50	
Received from Frank Alton	3 08	
		$ 34 42

Mildred Leavitt

B. H. Litchfield, groceries	$ 37 96

Philander Knowles family

Philander Knowles, supplies	$ 5 00
Received from Philander Knowles	5 00
Total resident	$ 384 05

NON-RESIDENT

William Piper

Harry Gould, board and care	$ 50 00
Received from Town of Dexter	$ 50 00

Lyndon Clark and Mother

B. H. Litchfield, groceries	$ 8 04
Received from Town of Corinna	$ 8 04

STATE

Aaron Fields family

Dr. A. C. Strout, medical aid	$ 44 60	
B. H. Litchfield, groceries and clothing	84 36	
H. L. Bane, provisions	11 30	
Ed Wheeler, fuel	2 00	
	$ 142 26	
Received from State	128 96	
		$ 13 30

Leslie Covey family

B. H. Litchfield, groceries	$ 37 96	
Minot Lucas, milk	8 34	
Overseers of Poor, transportation	29 57	
		$ 75 87
Received from State and Parkman		$ 75 87

Joel Neal family

Joel Neal, supplies	$ 12 00
Received from Joel Neal	$ 12 00

Fred Alton

H. L. Bane, supplies	$ 5 00
Total due from State	$ 18 30
Care of Vagrants	$ 7 61

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	$700 00	
Total receipts for year	763 62	
Total receipts		$ 1,463 62
Total disbursements		$ 853 07
Unexpended		$ 610 55

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT

CASH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

	Receipts	Payments
Cash balance Feb. 1, 1933	$ 197 27	
1931 taxes	38 00	
1932 taxes	559 45	
1933 taxes	7,370 13	
1934 taxes	146 90	
Excise tax	394 83	
Temporary loans 1933	2,450 00	$2,450 00
Temporary loans previous		500 00
Public welfare	618 46	707 91
Miscellaneous	102 25	1,226 32
Library	31 80	106 80
Public nurse		15 00
Common schools	78 00	2,338 62
School books		54 49
School repairs		76 52
School miscellaneous		26 76
School high tuition		980 28
Winter roads	1,711 55	3,280 83
50-50 patrol	50 00	100 35
State Aid Highway	1,046 36	1,346 36
Special Resolve	183 20	183 20
3rd class maintenance		270 69
Summer roads		795 38
Bushes		68 94
Interest	54 75	337 26
Tax deeds	177 54	
Leavitt farm	220 88	54 39
Gifford farm	161 16	24 00
State tax		264 92
County tax		244 96
Cash balance Feb. 1, 1934		138 55
	$15,592 53	$15,592 53

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

	Over Expended	Unexpended
Common schools	$	$ 1 73
Text books	2 04	
School repairs	5 18	
School miscellaneous		11 68
High school tuition		15 65
Summer roads		4 62
Winter roads	369 28	
Early patrol	35	
Maintenance 3rd class		14 31
Maintenance patrol		2 10
Bushes		6 06
Public welfare		610 55
Miscellaneous		473 62
Interest	14 94	
Gifford farm		115 31
Leavitt farm		166 49

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

Funds Available

Appropriated by town	$ 650 00	
Overlay	447 30	
Excise tax	394 83	
Supplemental tax	36 40	
Clerk, dog tax	52 00	
Porcupine bounty refund	50 25	
Dog license refund	9 96	
R. R. and Tel. tax	40	
		$ 1,641 14

EXPENDITURES

Officers Bills

Amos Lord, collector of taxes	$ 117 43
Dean W. Rollins, Supt. schools	176 74

J. Edgar Page, ballot clerk		3 00	
George Knowles, constable		5 00	
George Knowles, health officer		11 00	
Harry Buzzell, fire ward		3 00	
C. E. Tripp, moderator		2 00	
			$ 318 17

OTHER EXPENSES

Traveling expenses Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor		$ 120 00	
Auditing		10 00	
Postage		20 46	
Telephone		12 35	
Record books and stationery		27 09	
Annual reports		50 70	
Recording deeds and papers		5 00	
Road tools, etc.		39 80	
Street lights		48 00	
Town hall, lights	$ 9 71		
fuel	26 00		
janitor	13 00		
stove pipe	2 78		
		51 49	
Memorial day		1 66	
Cemeteries, care	$13 00		
committee	14 05		
		27 05	
Insurance		30 00	
National Used Car Market report		6 00	
Ripley Grange, use of hall		10 00	
Local Civil Works Administration:			
S. M. Hopkins team	$ 4 50		
Harry Gould team	3 00		
Lee Brown, team	7 50		
Harlan Wilkins, shingles	90 00		
Harlan Wilkins, lumber	10 90		
Bucknam & Mountain,			

supplies	13 11		
B. H. Litchfield, supplies	7 00		
E. L. Sevey, lumber	146 90		
W. H. Moore & Son, supplies	98 84		
H. D. Hatch, labor on iron	8 00		
		389 75	
		$	1,167 52
Unexpended		$	473 62

(Officers bills unpaid estimated $225.00)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ASSETS

Cash in treasury Feb. 1, 1934	$	138 55
Due from collector, 1931 taxes and costs		176 84
1932 taxes		320 94
1933 taxes		1,517 25
tax deed, Nutter estate		96 09
Alven Randall, note		68 30
State, pauper account		18 30
State, snow removal account		871 87
Garland L. C. W. A., moving building		75 00
Ed Peavey, plowing freight yard		5 00
Mortgage, Albra Rumery farm		185 50
Mortgage, Mildred Leavitt farm		310 63
Gifford farm deed		800 00
Total	$	4,584 27

LIABILITIES

Due on notes	$4,380 00		
officers bills (estimated)	225 00		
Total		$	4,605 00

Less assets		4,584 27
Town debt	$	20 73

The town debt has been reduced this year $845.69. All temporary loans have been retired, and $500.00 in old notes paid. You are therefore paying interest on $4,380.00 instead of $4,880.00 as at the beginning of the fiscal year.

The 1931 taxes are all in with the exception of two, one of which is pending the settling of an estate.

Some of the 1932 taxes are still in the process of collection, and in our judgment will practically all be collected.

Where was un-collected on February 1, $1,517.25 of the 1933 commitment. We feel that this sum will be greatly reduced by the first of March.

The town held four tax deeds at the beginning of the year, and three of these have been redeemed.

The pulp wood on the Leavitt farm has been shipped and payment made, leaving $310.63 against the real estate February 1, 1934.

Albra Rumery has given the town a first mortgage on his home place, to the amount of $175.00, covering the burial of the late George Rumery, also the real estate taxes on the same for the year 1932.

The Alven Randall note which the town holds, covers the balance due, for the burial of the late Wynona Randall.

Ways and Highways

According to the vote taken at the last annual meeting, the so-called, canal bridge has been re-built, costing the town $92.89. Harlan Wilkins contributed in labor and materials $50.00.

We contracted for the maintenance of ways and highways during the snow season, but due to unsatisfactory equipment, it became necessary to cancel the

contract. After careful consideration we deemed it wise to hire a Linn tractor of Ford & Smilie of Skowhegan. We have paid $750.00 for the use of the machine, and there is $750.00 more to be paid in the spring, if the present agreement is continued. If the town should choose to purchase the equipment, it is understood and agreed that any money paid for the use of the machine shall be applied on the purchase price.

There will be a balance of $3,500.00 to pay, which can be made in three yearly payments of approximately $1,200.00 each including interest. A check up, shows that it costs more than that amount to maintain the roads during the snow season. And as the law stands to-day, the State pays about half of that when the roads are opened to their satisfaction.

After the expenses were paid, the amount earned by the tractor for outside work to February 1 was about $500.00.

In maintaining roads in winter the snow fence item should not be overlooked. It is cheaper to keep the snow out of the roads than to remove it after it has accumulated.

The Third Class Highway funds were not made available until so late that it was not advisable to expend it. According to the Commission these funds will be available this year.

For the State Aid Improvements for 1934, the State Highway Commission have approved a layout which will be a continuation of the improvements of 1933.

Welfare

We have been very fortunate this year as to public relief. Due to economic conditions we have had several cases, which would not have occurred during ordinary times. It is very gratifying to note that in several instances where financial aid was furnished, that

as soon as convenient, the individuals have returned all or part of funds furnished.

We have obtained from the Federal Government several allotments of provisions, and they have been distributed to deserving parties.

During the fall several unemployed were aided through the N. R. A.

Local Civil Works Administration

By authority of the Federal Government the Local Civil Works Administration started to function on November 24, 1933. Payrolls amounting to approximately $150.00 have been distributed weekly since that time. The Government has furnishsed materials to the amount of $300.00, and the Town has contributed $389.75.

Highway Construction

This year 1350 feet of State Aid Highway improvement was completed at a cost of $1.00 per foot. The cost per foot for the Special Resolve Road was 66⅔¢, and 600 feet was completed.

Respectfully submitted,

CLAYTON E. JEWETT,
CHARLES E. SEVEY,
HIRAM L. BANE,

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor.

Report of Road Commissioner

Ripley, Maine, February 1, 1934.

To the Citizens of the Town of Ripley:

I herewith submit my report as Road Commissioner:

SUMMER ROADS

Appropriation	$800 00	
Paid	795 38	
Unexpended		$ 4 62

THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	$285 00	
Paid	270 69	
Unexpended		$ 14 31

CUTTING BUSHES

Appropriation	$75 00	
Paid	68 94	
Unexpended		$ 6 06

The cost of re-building the canal bridge was $92.89.

For distribution of labor consult the distribution sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES JOHNSTON,
Road Commissioner.

HIGHWAY DISTRIBUTION SHEET

	Summer	3rd Class Maintenance	Special Resolve	State Aid Highway	50-50	Cutting Bushes	Winter
Additon, P. T.	$ 2 80	$	$	$ 54 00	$	$	$
Alton, Frank				17 50			1 50
Bane, Hiram	18 98	21 60		141 50			22 50
Bane, Linwood	28 80						
Blaisdell Auto Co.							16 47
Bridgham & Henderson							965 38
Britton, Douglas				9 00	3 00		21 60
Britton, William	1 20			37 94			
Brown, Bernard			6 00				88 42
Brown, Bernard							6 00*
Brown, Joseph							1 50
Brown, Lee	76 60	24 00	10 80	59 60			
Buck, Arthur	11 50						
Bucknam & Mountain				19 10			
Bumpus, L. L.							30 91
Campbell, Allen	3 00						
Cooley, Coburn			11 00	10 67			
Cooley, Ernest	4 50			16 33			
Curtis, Annie	42 45						
Decker, Adelbert	10 50	1 50	5 50				
Decker, L. A.	8 92		6 00				12 92

Dore, Harry							
Downing, Chas.	6 37						5 20
Ellms, Chas.	15 60	24 00					
Ellms, Chas.							99 95
Ellms, Chester							4 00*
Farrar, Archie			1 50				
Farrar, Chester				17 08	3 00		4 50
Farrar, Ivan	4 50			18 00			1 50
Farrar, Raymond	34 80	21 60		5 75			7 50
Farrar, Vernal				79 20	28 80		
Farrar, Wayne	1 50						2 50
Fay & Scott				12 00			
Felker, Neil	6 83	1 50					47 21
Fields, Aaron				9 00	2 25	1 50	12 00
Ford & Smiley				1 50			
Gould, Alton							750 00
Gould, Guy	11 33			3 75			10 00
Gould, Harry	2 50	6 50		9 00			1 50
Gower, Harold				36 58			1 00
Haseltine, Linwood	6 00						1 33
Hatch, Henry	75		9 00	11 83		1 50	1 50
Hatch, Lindell	3 75	9 00	13 00	1 05			88 08
Hemenway, Clyde	13 50			12 75			2 33
Henderson, Leon				20 25	4 50	4 08	25 15
Hopkins, Donald	14 50			10 50			1 50
				17 58	6 00	7 50	6 00

Hopkins, Shep			11 00				
Jewett, Clayton	8 00						41 25
Jewett, Clyde				18 00			3 75
Johnston, Chas.	131 41	48 67				39 86	8 10
Jones, Chas.				10 50			
Kittridge, Chas.						1 00	
Kittridge, Roland	2 25	1 83					1 50
Knowles, P. C.	9 45	1 50		17 83	4 50		
Lane, Roy			3 00				21 95
Laughton, Edward				22 33			
Laughton, Frank				9 75	3 00		
Laughton, John	8 70	7 20		53 10	28 80		
Laughton, J. S.	1 60			12 00			6 40
Lord, Amos							21 95
MacDougall, George							12 10
McKenney, Perley							4 80
McPheters, Orville	5 50						
Mills, Weston	13 00	6 50		16 67			70
Monk, Elmer				45 00			
Montgomery, Ward & Co.							3 80
Moore, Earl	7 00			9 00			
Neal, Joel				12 75	6 00		
Neal, Robert	3 50			16 67		10 50	17 85
New England Metal Culvert Co.				100 52			433 55
Page, Eddie				9 00			

Perkins, Roy	5 25	24 00					7 50
Pingree, Elmer							
Pingree, Elwin				26 83		1 50	
Pingree, Lester				23 83			2 25
Philbrick, Rupert				12 00			
Philbrick, Wilbur							
Phinney, Harlan	14 55						
Randall, Alvin	45 00	42 40	28 80	59 60	3 00		
Raymond, Stanley	8 75			1 50	3 00		6 00
Raymond, Nelson		1 50					75
Richardson, Henry	6 00			19 92			1 50
Richardson, Walter			6 00				
Rumery, Albra			25 60	42 90			
Rumery, Roland	1 50						
Sawyer, Othie		7 20					
Sears, Roebuck & Co.							5 34
Sevey, Aibert	17 91	1 50	9 00		4 50		73 40
Sevey, Chas.	5 25		25 00	1 50			110 16
Sevey, Chas.							40 00*
Sevey, Elmer	41 80			66 40			
Sevey, Ernest	13 60		1 50				
Sevey, Roy				25 50		1 50	
Skillings, Clifton							9 15
Spencer, Archie	30						
Stafford, Kenneth	3 00						36 30

Tillson, H. L. & Co.				80			
Tewksbury, Carl	6 00		6 00	6 75			
Vittum, Frank			4 50				12 53
Wakefield, Frank							
Wakefield, John	4 50			10 67			
Watson, Lee		12 24					
Watt, C. C.	2 85	6 45					
Wheeler, Ed.	10 22			7 58			90*
Wilkins, Harlan	77 56						
Willard, Clyde	1 00						
Williams, S. T.				27 25			
Woodcock, Milton				24 00			32 73
Litchfield, B. H.	8 75			4 75			124 67
	$795 38	$270 69	$183 20	$1,346 36	$100 35	$68 94	$3,280 83

*Materials

Treasurer's Report

Cash in treasury February 1, 1933	$ 197 27	
Receipts	15,395 26	
		$ 15,592 53
Paid on selectmen's warrants	$15,453 98	
Cash in treasury February 1, 1934	138 55	
		$ 15,592 53

LIBRARY FUND

Amount in Bank February 1, 1933	$832 92	
Interest	27 62	
Received from state	7 50	
Dues	3 84	
		$ 871 88
Paid for books		31 80
Amount in bank February 1, 1934		$ 840 08

CEMETERY TRUST FUND

John Jones

Amount in bank February 1, 1933	$166 00	
Interest	5 49	
Amount in bank February 1, 1934		$ 171 49

Josiah A. Page

Amount in bank February 1, 1933	$102 62		
Interest	3 38		
Amount in bank February 1, 1934		$	106 00

Charles Hanson

Amount in bank February 1, 1933	$100 00		
Interest	3 30		
		$	103 30
Care of lot			3 30
Amount in bank February 1, 1934		$	100 00

Jesse M. Stone

Amount in bank February 1, 1933	$50 00		
Interest	1 64		
		$	51 64
Care of lot			1 64
Amount in bank February 1, 1934		$	50 00
Amount in bank February 1, 1933	$163 27		
Interest	5 40		
		$	168 67
Care of lots			15 00
Amount in bank February 1, 1934		$	153 67

Bartlett Tripp Fund

Note	$100 00		
Interest	22 00		
		$	122 00

George Farrar Fund

Note	$100 00	
Care of lot	3 50	
		$ 96 50
Interest due		3 50
		$ 100 00
Albra Rumery, mortgage		$ 175 00
Mildred Leavitt, mortgage		$ 310 63
Alven Randall, note		$ 68 30
Nutter estate, tax deed		$ 96 09
Gifford farm, deed		$ 800 00

SCHOOL FUND

Note	$ 540 00

Respectfully submitted,
ALBERT L SEVEY,
Town Treasurer.

LIBRARY REPORT

No. of books, Mar. 1	2583
No. of books bought	54
	2637

C. S. DOWNING, Sec'y,
Library Comm.

Auditor's Report

To the Taxpayers of the town of Ripley:

Again it has become my duty to go over the books and accounts of your town officers for 1933-34. In making a careful survey of the assets and liabilities I find them to very nearly balance. With the exception of the Gifford property all the assets are good, or nearly so, for the face value. When we took over the Gifford property some years ago, real estate was higher than at present and it may go back again in value, after the depression has passed. So your town officers would not be justified in making a cut in the value at present. Five hundred dollars has been paid on the interest bearing orders so that the present amount is $4,380.00 instead of $4,880.00 as last year reported. All short time loans have been paid and our credit at the bank is of the best. You will also take note that the state and county taxes have been promptly and fully paid. In auditing the books I find that the so called State System to be a great improvement over the old method. I find the books and accounts of your officers to agree with the report as herein printed.

C. E. TRIPP,

Auditor for 1933-34.

Ripley, Feb. 1st, 1934.

Report of Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

1933

Mar. 21 To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alton, a son

May 8. To Mr. and Mrs. Vernard Lancaster, a son.

May 9. To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sevey, a son.

May 31. To Mr. and Mrs. Guy Gould, a son.

July 2. To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gower, a son.

Aug. 25. To Mr. and Mrs. Almon C. Hemenway, a daughter.

Sept. 2. To Mr. and Mrs. Neil Felker, a daughter.

Oct. 27. To Mr. and Mrs. Lester Pingree, a son.

Dec. 27. To Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Skillings, a daughter.

Deaths

1933

Feb. 26. Mrs. Wynona Randall, age 27 yrs., 9 mos., 20 das.

Mar. 4. Mr. Fred Cyr, age 49 yrs., 6 mos., 17 das.

Mar. 7. Mr. John F. Briggs, age 76 yrs., 5 mos., 29 das.

May 27. Mrs. Mary E. Felker, age 74 yrs., 9 mos., 6 das.

Sept. 30. Mr. George Brown, age 81 yrs., 4 mos.

Oct. 27. Robert Ardell Pingree.

Nov. 26. Mr. Reuben M. Lane, age 72 yrs., 2 mos., 7 das.

Marriages

1933

July 1. Mr. Douglas Britten and Miss Flora Laughton.

Oct. 10. Mr. Ernest Cooley and Miss Marion Thompson.

Oct. 26. Mr. Coburn Cooley and Miss Virginia Lamphor.

Dec. 18. Mr. Alton Gould and Miss Gertrude Downing.

Dec. 20 Mr. Andrew Nelson and Miss Beulah Rees.

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Jan. 11. Mr. Daniel Wakefield and Miss Barbara Williams.

Respectfully submitted,
P. T. ADDITON, Town Clerk.

School Report

To the Citizens of Ripley:

The School Committee and superintendent of schools of Ripley hereby submit their annual report, in form similar to other recent reports.

Our opinion is that all three schools have served the best interests of the children to a very satisfactory degree udring the year past, without exception, and that the various teachers have been efficient and well fitted for their positions. The present winter has been severe, but attendance has been surprisingly good under such conditions.

Attention is called to the report on another page of Mrs. Dorothy Cross, the school nurse and public health nurse, which tells clearly just what work she has done this year to date, in addition to that done in the same lines by the regular teachers.

In all, 32 children have been enrolled in the Mills school since Sept., 12 in the Jones school and 15 in the Hillside school, a total of 59. Four others who were in the Hillside school for a short time only are not included. In addition 13 children are attending grade school in adjoning towns: at the Webber school in Cambridge 2 children of L. R. Perkins, 2 children of Roland Kittridge, and one each from Fred Folsom's and Willards; in the Dexter schools 3 children of Maurice Briggs, 1 Lancaster boy, 2 children of Albert Fol-

som and 1 child of Elbridge Atwater. The school census list made up last April contained the names of 112 persons between 5 and 21 years old.

As usual in recent years a very successful grammar school graduation was arranged by the teachers and held in the Grange Hall in June. Those presented with diplomas entitling them to enter high schools were Lula Farrar, Louise Richardson, Cecil Bane and Andrew Laughton.

Ripley students now in high school in other towns are Louise Richardson in Bingham High; Marion Laughton and Andrew Laughton in Maine Central Institute; H. Wayne Farrar, Lula Farrar, Adeline Monk, Susan Laughton, Elizabeth Raymond, Lloyd Cooley, Philip Perkins, Harold Rees, Elizabeth Rees and Maurice Sawyer in Dexter High school.

Costs of conveyance of common school pupils for the present year are as follows: three children of Maurice Briggs to Dexter, $3.00 per week, for six children on the Cambridge road to the Webber school, $5.00 per week, for 2 children of Albert Folsom and 1 of Elbridge Atwater to Dexter, $4.32 per week, and for the Head of the Pond neighborhood to the Mills school, $7.00 per week.

As usual, it is proposed to have the Ripley schools in session for 32 weeks during the present year. This is the minimum number of weeks required by law.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The only item of up-keep of buildings undertaken this year was the shingling of the Hillside school and shingling one half of the roof of the Jones school. This work could not be longer delayed. As usual there is much that could be done on the buildings to good advantage. The Jones school in particular should have one or two new book closets and the interior freshened up by cleaning and painting of walls and ceiling. All three buildings need new floors. It has been suggested

that the Lane building should be shingled to keep the water out of it, or else sold before it becomes valueless.

One very fine piece of work was done by Mrs. Rena Eaton's school league and interested friends in the vicinity for the Mills school last fall. This was the re-painting of the entire interior of this school without expense to the town. This school now hopes to be able to raise enough money by various means to complete the installation of single, modern seats. The room is now partly equipped with these. More play-ground equipment, even of a home made variety, would be a great benefit to each of the three schools. As it is now means of enjoyment and exercise to occupy the spare time of the children is very meager indeed.

FINANCES

Provision for school privileges for every child in town would be comparatively simple and easy, as well as inexpensive, if all pupils were located within walking distance of one of the three schools now in operation. However, this is not the case, and your school officials have continued the same plan in general for providing for the children at long distances from schools as was used last year. Study of the various situations has not yet produced any plan that is better and at the same time workable.

Continued desire for reductions of costs has mad to be largely met through further cuts in wages. These were quite drastic for the present year, teachers' wages now being $9.75, $10.25 and $10.75 per week. All indications point to the fact that it will not much longer be possible to employ satisfactory teachers for this pay. It is also true that in the face of rising costs of living in many places a partial restoration of wages has already been made.

The Ripley tax rate for this year, according to state figures, was 49½ mills per dollar. Of this approxi-

mately 12½ mills went for school purposes, including high school students. Both figures are less than for last year.

Attention is called to the fact that the accounts of the school departments show a small balance to the good. This was made possible only by the fact that every item of expenditure was budgeted at the beginning of the year and the budget strictly followed.

After studying the probable situations that will arise during the coming year your school officials are suggesting the following list of appropriations for your consideration. The estimated appropriation for High school tuition is slightly less than last year, while that for the other items, including common schools is estimated at $200 more than last year. Provision for reopening any other school is not included.

Suggested for:

Common schools, textbooks, repairs and miscellaneous inclusive	$ 2,050 00
High school tuition	375 00
Total	$ 2,425 00

The above total is $175 more than the amount appropriated last year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. MILLS,
MRS. BERTHA HASELTINE,
CALVIN B. GOODWIN,

School Committee.

D. W. ROLLINS,

Supt. of Schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

COMMON SCHOOLS

Resources

Appropriation	$1,720 00	
State School fund	673 85	
State Equalization fund	78 00	
Interest on Permanent school fund	32 43	
Total resources		$ 2,504 28

Expenditures

Teachers' Wages

Mills School:	
Rena L. Eaton, winter term 1933, 6 wks.	$ 102 00
Rena L. Eaton, spring term 9 wks.	153 00
Rena L. Eaton, fall term, 15 wks.	161 25
Rena L. Eaton, winter term, 4 wks.	43 00
	$ 459 25
Jones School:	
Vera H. Felker, winter term 1933, 6 wks.	$ 93 00
Vera H. Felker, spring term, 9 wks.	139 50
Bernice Stone, fall term, 15 wks.	146 25
Doris Smart, winter term, 4 wks.	39 00
	$ 417 75
Hillside School:	
Flora L. Britten, winter term 1933, 6 wks.	$ 84 00
Flora L. Britten, spring term, 9 wks.	126 00
Eleanor Bane, fall term, 14 wks.	143 50
Flora L. Britten, fall term, 1 wk.	10 25
Flora L. Britten, winter term, 1 wk.	10 25
Eleanor Bane, winter term, 3 wks.	30 75
	$ 404 75
Total teachers' wages	$ 1,281 75

FUEL

E. L. Sevey	$ 54 63	
Harland Wilkins	10 00	
Total fuel		$ 64 63

JANITORS

Andrew Laughton	$ 12 75	
Lula Farrar	12 75	
Donald Raymond	20 25	
Joseph Wheeler	7 50	
Ivan Farrar, Jr.	7 50	
Total janitors		$ 60 75

CONVEYANCE

Mrs. V. W. Holt	$175 00	
H. L. Wakefield	268 00	
Town of Dexter, re-imbursement (Cambridge road $116.49, Briggs route $108.00, Lancaster boy $18.00)	242 49	
Total conveyance		$ 685 49

TUITION

Town of Cambridge	$192 00	
Town of Harmony	54 00	
Total tuition		$ 246 00
Total expenditures		$ 2,338 62
Plus overdraft of 1933		163 93
Total		$ 2,504 28
Balance unexpended		$ 1 73

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Resources

Appropriation	$400 00	
Re-imbursement from State	646 19	
Total resources		$ 1,046 19

Expenditures

Maine Central Institute, winter and spring terms	$ 120 00	
Maine Central Institute, fall term	70 00	
Town of Dexter, 2nd half year 1932-1933	410 28	
Town of Dexter, 1st half year, 1933-1934	290 00	
Town of Harmony, year 1932-1933	60 00	
Town of Bingham, 1st half year 1933-1934	30 00	
Total expenditures		$ 980 28
Plus overdraft of 1933		50 26
Total		$ 1,030 54
Balance unexpended		$ 15 65

TEXTBOOKS

Resources

Appropriation	$ 40 00	
Balance from last year	12 45	
Total resources		$ 52 45

Expenditures

American Book Company	$ 1 70
American Education Press	3 95
Ginn and Company	14 06

Lyons & Carnahan	10 68	
Silver Burdett & Co.	9 47	
World Book Company	9 07	
Milton Bradley Company	1 75	
The Macmillan Company	3 81	
Total expenditures		$ 54 49
Overdrawn		$ 2 04

REPAIRS

Resources

Appropriation	$90 00	
Total resources		$ 90 00

Expenditures

H. L. Tillson & Co.	$ 35	
R. W. Mills	16 50	
Linwood Haseltine	10 00	
C. B. Goodwin	9 00	
Harland Wilkins	34 50	
B. H. Litchfield	4 67	
J. L. Packard Co.	1 50	
Total expenditures		$ 76 52
Plus overdraft of 1933		18 66
Total		$ 95 18
Overdrawn		$ 5 18

MISCELLANEOUS SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Resources

Balance from last year	$38 44	
No appropriation		
Total resources		$ 38 44

Expenditures

Gazette Publishing Co.	$ 1 58		
The Educational Supply Company	2 71		
Flora L. Britten	3 00		
Rena L. Eaton	3 00		
Mrs. E. A. Wheeler	3 00		
Lucina Richardson	4 00		
A. L. Davis	2 40		
Maine Public Health Ass'n	32		
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins	4 75		
Town of Dexter, supplies	2 00		
Total expenditures		$	26 76
Balance unexpended		$	11 68

SUMMARY

	Resources	Expenditures	Balances	O'drawn
Com. schools	$2,504 28	$2,502 55	$ 1 73	$
H. S. tuition	1,046 19	1,030 54	15 65	
Text books	52 45	54 49		2 04
Repairs	90 00	95 18		5 18
Miscellanous	38 44	26 76	11 68	
	$3,731 36	$3,709 52	$29 06	$ 7 22
Total balance unexpended			$	21 84

REPORT OF PUBLIC NURSE

To the Citizens of the town of Ripley, I hereby submit my report as public health nurse for the year 1933.

The school health program for this year has been much the same as that of former years.

The nurse has visited each of the schools four times during the year for inspection, weighing and measuring of the children, class room talks, and advising the teachers on their health education programs.

Dr. Kelley plans to do dental examinations as usual in the schools, but as he has been unable to do them yet, notices of defects found will be sent to parents later in the year.

The school examination statistics are as follows:

	No. examined	Defects found	Corrections made
Vision	42	3	
Hearing	54	1	
Throat	42	17	1
Weight	54	7	5
Posture	42	1	
Teeth			1

Health Habit Charts, and special devices of the teachers, are used to teach habits of personal hygiene. All three schools completed these charts with an average of over 90% for a 12 week period. More than half the children in the Jones and Mills schools have teeth in good condition. Four children earned 7 point pins by having normal vision and hearing, good posture, weight within 10% average, teeth found satisfactory by dentist, and a throat certificate from a physician.

A baby and preschool conference was held in the Grange Hall in June with an attendance of 9 children between 1 year and school age, and 1 baby.

Five visits to homes and 4 miscellaneous calls were made during the year. It was necessary to exclude 1 child from school because of infectious skin disease.

Assistance was given in arranging for needed hospital treatment for a child. Physicians have been assisted in 2 minor operations in town.

In closing we wish to express our appreciation to the townspeople for making possible the continuance of our work, and to thank the teachers especially for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
DOROTHY M. CROSS, R. N.
Public Health Nurse.

A sufficient number of these reports have been printed to furnish every interested citizen with a copy. An effort has been made to get them into the hands of the voters in advance. It should be borne in mind that if copies are left at home there may not be a sufficient number at the hall to go around on town meeting day. This year or any year it is desirable for you to have a copy of the annual report as soon as issued. It is also important for you to preserve it and bring it with you town meeting day morning.

ANNUAL REPORT

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MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Ripley

For the Year 1934-1935

DEXTER, MAINE
PRESS OF EASTERN GAZETTE
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LOCAL HISTORY

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Art. 9. To choose one or more trustees of the Crocker Library; an auditor; fire ward; and all other officers required to be chosen at this meeting.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of common schools, school books, school house repairs, miscellaneous school expenses, high school tuition.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise to maintain town ways and bridges in summer.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the purpose of maintaining town ways and highways during the snow season.

Art. 13. To grant and raise a sum of money for support of poor.

Art. 14. To grant and raise a sum of money for miscellaneous town expenses.

Art. 15. To grant and raise a sum of money to pay interest on loans.

Art. 16. To grant and raise a sum of money for the support of Crocker Library.

Art. 17. To grant and raise a sum of money for maintenance of State Aid highways; Third Class and Special Resolve roads; for early patrol; and cutting bushes on improved roads.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of $48.00 for street lights, or act anything thereon.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of $20.00 for public health nurse.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to be used for the purchase of seats for the Town Hall, or act anything thereon.

Art. 21. To see if the town will grant and raise a sum of money for the purpose of retiring outstanding notes.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to abate all outstanding taxes, and raise a sum of money sufficient to cover said abatement; or otherwise authorize collection of same.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote "Yes" or "No" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State Aid, as provided in S. 20, C. 28, R. S. of 1930.

Art. 24. To see what sum the town will appropriate and raise for the improvement of the section of State Aid road as outlined in the Highway Commission's report, (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under provisions of S. 19 C. 28, R. S. of 1930, or under provisions of S. 3, C. 175, P. L. of 1933.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to change the designation for State Aid Highway improvements, as is outlined in the Highway Commission's report, to the following designation subject to the Commission's approval: beginning at the head of the pond where the improvements of the section of State Aid road left off, and extending in a westernly direction over said section, or act anything thereon.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of $10.00 for the purchase of a suitable gate at the Downing cemetery.

Art. 27. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen and treasurer to borrow as a temporary loan or loans to and for the use of the town in anticipation of taxes of the current municipal year of 1935-36, or act anything thereon.

Art. 28. To see if the town will accept as a trust fund, the sum of $100.00, the income to be used for the perpetual care of Edgar Ramsdell lot in Downing Cemetery.

You will give notice that the Selectmen will be in session at the Grange Hall on said day of meeting at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving names and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Ripley, this 12th day of Feb. A. D. 1935.

CLAYTON E. JEWETT,
CHARLES E. SEVEY,
H. L. BANE,

Selectmen of Ripley, Maine.

Report of Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor

Ripley, Maine, February 1, 1935.

To the Citizens of the Town of Ripley:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with the statutes of the State, we herewith submit for your consideration this, our annual report which includes tabulations of statistics.

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Real estate, resident	$105,270 00	
Real estate, non-resident	44,925 00	
		$ 150,195 00
Personal estate, resident	$19,570 00	
Personal estate, non-resident	650 00	
		$ 20,220 00
Total Valuation		$ 170,415 00
Value of land		$ 97,355 00
Value of buildings		52,840 00
Number of polls taxed	103	
Number of polls not taxed	7	
Number of dogs	53	
Rate of taxation	.061	

Commitment to collector:

Poll tax	$ 309 00	
Resident real estate tax	6,421 47	
Non-resident real estate tax	2,740 42	
Resident personal estate tax	1,193 77	
Non-resident personal estate tax	39 65	
Supplemental tax	157 14	
		$ 10,861 45

TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	Av. Value	Total Value
81 horses and mules	$ 63 00	$ 5,095 00
1 colt, 3 to 4 years old	100 00	100 00
300 cows	24 85	7,455 00
118 3 year olds	22 00	2,630 00
97 2 year olds	17 50	1,720 00
13 sheep, (over 35 in number)	3 00	40 00
100 poultry (over 50 in number)	55	55 00
Total		$ 17,095 00

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

165 one year olds	$10 00	$ 1,665 00
232 sheep (to 35 in number)	3 00	705 00
40 swine (to 10 in number)	6 30	255 00
975 poultry (to 50 in number)	55	535 00
Total		$ 3,160 00

ASSESSMENTS

Support of Common Schools	$ 2,500 00
High school tuition	375 00
Art 33 (school seats)	20 00
Highway maintenance, summer	1,000 00
" " " winter	1,500 00
" " " State aid	350 00
" " " 3rd class	300 00

Highway Maintenance 50-50	50 00
" " " bushes	75 00
" " " Decker road	50 00
" " " Old Dexter road	150 00
" " " head Dexter lake	150 00
State aid highway construction	600 00
Support of poor	400 00
Cemetery fence paint	25 00
Miscellaneous	100 00
Snow fence	200 00
Interest	300 00
Crocker Library	75 00
Street lights	48 00
Memorial Day	15 00
Public Health Nurse	15 00
Officers bills, 1933	210 00
Officers bills, 1934	210 00
State tax	1,297 42
County tax	244 96
Total assessments: Appropriations	$ 10,260 38
Overlay	443 93
Total	$ 10,704 31

ABATEMENTS

1934-35

E. L. Sevey, paid last year	$ 146 90	
On taxes paid on or before June 15th	188 93	
Total abatements		$ 335 83

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

RESIDENT

Elmer Monk		
Hospital expenses	$ 139 00	
Received on account	29 37	
Balance		$ 109 63
Fred Alton		
Clothing	$ 20 74	
Medical aid	2 00	
Groceries	7 02	
		$ 29 76
Frank Alton		
Clothing	$ 9 94	
Medical Aid	20 00	
Groceries	12 58	
		$ 42 52
Mildred Leavitt		
Groceries	$ 112 10	
Hospital expenses	59 60	
Fuel	33 50	
		$ 205 20
H. N. Bowdoin		
Burial expenses Mrs. Bowdoin	$ 81 00	
Groceries	10 40	
		$ 91 40
Evelyn Stewart		
Medical aid		5 00
Alven Randall		
Groceries		$ 18 44
Express on Government provisions		$ 4 47
Total resident		$ 508 42

NON-RESIDENT

Lyndon Clark and Mother

Provisions	$ 279 21
Received from Corinna	$ 279 21

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	$ 400 00	
Total receipts	308 58	
		$ 708 58
Total Disbursements		$ 815 00
Overexpended		$ 106 42

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Cash balance Feb. 1, 1934	$ 138 55	
Receipts for year	23,951 04	
		$ 24,089 59
Warrants drawn on Treasurer	23,989 72	
In Treasury Feb. 1, 1935	99 87	
		$ 24,089 59

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

TAX SECTION

1931 Taxes

Due Feb. 1, 1934	$ 101 84	
Received during year	12 74	
Balance		$ 89 10

1932 Taxes

Due Feb. 1, 1934	$ 320 94	
Received during year	17 34	
Balance		$ 303 60

1933 Taxes

Due Feb. 1, 1934		$ 1,517 25	
Received during year		1,127 41	
Balance			$ 389 84

1934 Taxes

Commitment		$ 10,861 45	
Rec'd during year	$8,251 33		
Abatements	335 83		
		$ 8,587 16	
Balance			$ 2,274 29

EXCISE TAX

Received during year			$ 242 98

TAX DEED

On Nutter Farm			$ 73 92

STATE TAX

Assessed			$ 1,297 42
Allowed by State, School fund etc.		$1,285 10	
Paid direct		12 32	
			$ 1,297 42

COUNTY TAX

Assessed			$ 244 96
Paid			$ 244 96

WELFARE SECTION

POOR

Appropriation		$ 400 00	
Other receipts		308 58	
			$ 708 58

Payments		$ 815 00
Overexpended		$ 106 42

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Appropriation		$ 15 00
Payments		$ 15 00

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation	$ 15 00	
Payments	13 09	
Balance		$ 1 91

"FERNDALE" CEMETERY FENCE

Appropriation	$ 25 00	
Payments	24 08	
Balance		$ 92

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation		$ 48 00
Payments		$ 48 00

EDUCATIONAL SECTION

SCHOOLS

Appropriation	$ 2,875 00	
Other credits	1,404 78	
		$ 4,279 78
Paid on Supt's orders		3,487 65
Balance		$ 792 13

SPECIAL ART. 33

Appropriation	$ 20 00	
Paid	17 00	
Balance		$ 3 00

"CROCKER" LIBRARY

Appropriation	$ 75 00	
Other Credits	28 98	
		$ 103 98
Paid		$ 103 98

HIGHWAY SECTION

WINTER MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	$ 1,500 00	
State	1,340 00	
Outside plowing to May 1st	703 93	
		$ 3,543 93
Paid to May 1st:		
Ford & Smiley	$ 750 00	
Bucknam & Mountain	1 36	
Huntington Garage	18 94	
Blaisdell Garage	20 12	
Fay & Scott	78 42	
H. L. Tillson & Co.	1 10	
B. H. Litchfield	300 06	
H. D. Hatch	134 71	
Other labor	1,627 11	
		$ 2,931 82
Balance as of May 1st		$ 612 11
Paid after May 1st:		
Town Tractor	$ 939 12	
Town Truck	584 75	
Other labor	1,280 38	
		$ 2,804 25
Less May 1st balance		612 11
Overexpended		$ 2,192 14

SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	$ 1,350 00	
Paid Commissioner's order	1,349 64	
Balance		$ 36

THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	$ 300 00	
Commissioner's orders	267 00	
Balance		$ 33 00

PATROL MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	$ 350 00	
State Credits	291 90	
Balance		$ 58 10

50-50 PATROL

Appropriation	$ 50 00	
From State	49 84	
		$ 99 84
Patrolman payroll		99 68
Balance		16

CUTTING BUSHES

Appropriation		$ 75 00
Commissioner's orders		$ 75 00

SNOW FENCE

Appropriation		$ 200 00
Labor	$ 75 69	
½ ton wire	45 13	
6 cd cedar	30 00	
625 cedar posts	31 25	
		$ 182 07
Balance		$ 17 93

3375 ft. of fence constructed
Cost per foot a fraction over 4½¢

SPECIAL RESOLVE

Fron State on Credits		$ 199 99
Foreman's payrolls		$ 199 99

STATE AID HIGHWAY

Appropriation	$ 600 00	
State fund	2,103 12	
		$ 2,703 12
Foreman's payrolls		2,705 43
Overexpended		$ 2 31
Labor		
Grading	$ 1,223 31	
Base	749 65	
Surfacing	332 43	
Materials		
Gravel	180 71	
Culverts	69 39	
Miscellaneous	149 94	
		$ 2,705 43
Cost for motor shovel	$ 352 62	
Cost for compressor	111 00	
Length of completed road 1600 feet		
Length of completed base 1700 feet		
Cost of road per foot	$ 1 69	

THIRD CLASS HIGHWAY

From State		$ 1,507 78
Foreman's payrolls		1,508 68
Overexpended		$ 90
Labor		
Grading	$ 334 43	
Base	383 15	

Culverts	20 68	
Surfacing	284 60	
Materials		
Gravel	169 15	
Culverts	115 47	
Miscellaneous	1 20	
		$ 1,508 68

Cost of motor shovel $182 00
Length of completed road 2200 ft.
Cost of road per foot 68½¢

LINN TRACTOR

Obligations			$ 3,500 00
Since May 1, 1935			
Cash receipts:			
Summer roads	$	45 28	
Moving building, Woodcock		3 00	
Moving building, Town Garland		55 00	
Plowing, Town of Corinna		133 00	
Plowing, Town of St. Albans		15 00	
Plowing in town		939 12	
Cash receipts			$ 1,190 40
Accounts receivable:			
Town of Combridge		70 00	
Town of Harmony		140 00	
Town of Wellington		105 00	
Ford & Smiley (Greenville)		270 00	
State of Maine (Parkman)		327 00	
Total accounts			$ 912 00
Total credits			$ 2,102 40
Cash payments:			
1 bbl. oil	$	44 00	
Gasoline		460 02	

Repairs	194 32		
Labor repairing	53 00		
Labor plowing out of town	221 85		
Total expenses		$	973 19
Net earned			1,129 21
Balance against tractor		$	2,370 79

DODGE TRUCK

Payments:			
Chassis	$ 767 00		
Power takeoff	40 94		
Steel body	110 00		
1 bbl. oil	44 00		
Gasoline	263 11		
Chains and heater	32 00		
Grease and pump	16 85		
Repair	11 86		
Battery	8 50		
Rental "Frink' plow	100 00		
Labor, power take-off and body	11 50		
Total payments		$	1,405 76
Receipts:			
3rd class construction	$ 36 55		
3rd class maintenance	59 50		
Special resolve	60 81		
Sanding, for tar	24 00		
Trans. culverts	8 60		
Snow fence	50 00		
Cutting bushes	4 34		
Summer roads	149 00		
Plowing snow in town	534 75		
Plowing snow Town Corinna	16 00		
Total receipts		$	943 55
Balance against truck		$	462 21

Trade in value chassis:			
February 1, 1935	$ 567 00		
Steel body	100 00		
		$	667 00
Less			462 21
In favor of truck		$	204 79

MISCELLANEOUS SECTION

Town Officers Bills 1933

Appropriation		$	210 00
Paid		$	210 00

Town Officers Bills 1934

Appropriation		$	210 00
Paid		$	210 00

MISCELLANEOUS

Appropriation	$ 100 00		
Dog tax from Clerk	57 00		
Sale of brick	23 20		
Cemeteries	22 35		
Town Hall rental	30 00		
R. R. & Tel. tax	20		
Dog tax refunded	19 61		
Overlay	443 93		
Excise tax	242 98		
Transferred	49 28		
Supplemental tax	157 14		
		$	1,145 69
Expended:			
Town Hall			
Matching F. E. R. A. fund	$ 442 04		
Lights	16 82		
Janitor	11 00		
Wiring & fixtures	50 70		
Fuel	19 50		
		$	540 06

Town Shed			
Repairs	$ 72 27		
Wiring	13 11		
Fuel	50 00		
Janitor	11 00		
		$	146 38
Town Officers			
School committee, 2 yrs.	$ 30 00		
Auditor for 2 yrs.	7 00		
Constable	10 00		
Fire Ward	9 00		
Ballot clerks	16 00		
Supt. Schools	170 64		
Tax Collector 1933-34	18 54		
Tax Collector 1934-35	80 68		
		$	341 86
Postage			
Treasurer	$ 10 00		
Clerk	5 40		
Selectmen FERA	18 32		
Selectmen town	9 92		
		$	43 64
Telephone			
Installation	$ 13 75		
Dues	10 00		
Toll calls FERA	9 08		
Toll calls town	11 84		
		$	44 67
Traveling expenses			
Overseers of poor	$ 24 00		
Assessors	10 00		
Selectmen FERA	32 50		
Selectmen Town	26 00		
		$	92 50
Use of Grange Hall			10 00
Record books, etc.			32 33
Annual reports			50 70

Insurance	39 00
State Aid (Late)	2 20
Cemetery	14 33
Dog tax to State	57 00
Road tools	47 37
Recording	4 25
Transfers	49 28
	$ 1,515 29
Overexpended	$ 369 60

FINANCE SECTION

OUTSTANDING LOANS

February 1, 1934	$ 4,380 00
February 1, 1935	$ 4,380 00

TEMPORARY LOANS

Hired in anticipation of taxes	$ 6,681 16
Retired during the year	3,081 16
Outstanding February 1, 1935	3,600 00

INTEREST

Appropriation	$ 300 00	
Other receipts	2 88	
		$ 302 88
Paid on interest bearing notes		435 06
Overexpended		$ 132 18

LEAVITT FARM MORTGAGES

(Foreclosed)

Mortgages, taxes, insurance	$ 493 50
Pulp, (Received last year)	20 88
Balance against farm	$ 372 68

GIFFORD FARM

(Income and expense)

Received rent, hay etc	$	21 00
Taxes paid	$	27 50

ALBRA RUMERY FARM MORTGAGE

Mortgage February 1, 1935	$	175 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ASSETS

Cash in treasury Feb. 1, 1935	$	99 87
1931 taxes		89 10
1932 taxes		303 60
1933 taxes		389 84
1934 taxes		2,274 29
Nutter Farm tax deed		110 00
Gifford Farm deed		500 00
Leavitt Farm mortgage (foreclosed)		400 00
Rumery Farm mortgage		195 00
"Caterpillar" Grader		400 00
"Linn" tractor & plow		4,000 00
"Dodge" truck, with body		667 00
Due from State snow removal account		1,105 00
State snow removal Parkman		327 00
Cambridge snow removal		70 00
Harmony snow removal		140 00
Wellington snow removal		105 00
Ford & Smiley (Plowing Greenville)		275 00
Lucy Bowdoin Estate		81 00
Total Assets	$	11,531 70

LIABILITIES

Outstanding notes prior to Feb. 1, 1934	$	4,380 00
1934-35 temporary loans outstanding		3,600 00

Obligations on "Linn" Tractor	3,500 00
Total Liabilities	$ 11,480 00
Balance in Town's favor	$ 51 70

We feel that the foregoing statement reflects the true financial standing of the Town on February 1, 1935. It is our suggestion that some action should be taken in the near future relative to the outstanding taxes. We believe that they should be collected or removed from the books. At least $3,000.00 of these taxes are collectable.

The action of the Town at the last annual meeting made it necessary for the Selectmen to determine what to do about the tractor and plow. We hope that you w'll realize the responsibility placed upon our judgment. Action was not made until we had carefully considered all angles of the situation. We moved slightly from the customary course when we purchased the truck.

Our experience with snow removal during the past four years, and the indifference of the voters when snow removal problems have been placed before them was responsible for our action. We have tried to map out a plan that would not create direct tax burdens.

We feel that real estate titles and claims held by the Town should be liquidated as fast as possible.

About 80% of our taxes are made by us at our annual meeting, therefore the articles in the warrant relative to raising money should be given as much consideration as those that fix our policy and elect our officers.

Respectfully Submitted,

CLAYTON E. JEWETT,
CHARLES E. SEVEY,
HIRAM L. BANE,
Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor.

Treasurer's Report

Cash in treasury February 1st, 1934	$ 138 55	
Receipts	23,951 04	
		$ 24,089 59
Paid on selectmen's warrants	$ 23,989 72	
Cash in treasury February 1st, 1935	99 87	
		$ 24,089 59

LIBRARY FUND

Amount in bank Feb. 1, 1934	$ 840 08	
Interest	24 60	
From State	7 50	
Dues and fees	3 48	
		$ 875 66
Paid for books		28 98
Amt. in Bank Feb. 1, 1935		$ 846 68

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

John Jones

Amount in Bank Feb. 1, 1934	$ 171 49	
Interest to date	5 70	
		$ 177 19
Care of lot		5 70
Amt. in Bank Feb. 1, 1935		$ 171 49

Joseph Page

Amount in Bank Feb. 1, 1934	$ 106 00	
Interest to date	3 70	
		$ 109 70
Care of lot		3 70
Amt. in Bank Feb. 1, 1935		$ 106 00

C. E. Hanson

Amount in Bank Feb. 1, 1934	$ 100 00	
Interest to date	3 33	
		$ 103 33
Care of lot		3 33
Amt. in Bank Feb. 1, 1935		$ 100 00

Jesse Stone

Amt. in Bank Feb. 1, 1934	$ 50 00	
Interest to date	1 80	
		$ 51 80
Care of lot		1 80
Amt. in Bank Feb. 1, 1935		$ 50 00

Mrs. T. C. Carr

Amount in Bank Feb. 1, 1934	$ 102 45	
Interest to date	3 40	
		$ 105 85
Care of lot		3 40
Amt. in Bank Feb. 1, 1935		$ 102 45

Olive Crocker

Amount in Bank Feb. 1, 1934	$ 51 22	
Interest to date	1 70	
		$ 52 92
Care of lot		1 70
Amt. in Bank Feb. 1, 1935		$ 51 22

Bartlett Tripp Fund

Tripp note	$ 100 00		
Interest in treasury Feb. 1, '34	22 00		
Interest paid 1935	4 00		
		$	126 00
Care of lot			4 00
Interest in treasury Feb. 1, '35		$	22 00

George Farrar Fund

Farrar note	$ 100 00		
Care of lot	4 00		
		$	96 00
Interest due			4 00
		$	100 00

FERNDALE CEMETERY CONTRIBUTION FUND

Amount in treasury	$	15 50
Albra Rumery, mortgage		175 00
Mildred Leavitt, mortgages		330 00
Nutter tax deed		96 06
Gifford farm deed		500 00
School fund note		540 55

Respectfully Submitted,

HARRY E. DORE,

Town Treasurer.

Road Commissioner's Report

Ripley, Maine, February 1, 1935.

To the Citizens of the Town of Ripley:

I herewith submit my report as Road Commisioner:

SUMMER ROADS

Appropriation	$ 1,350 00	
Orders	1,349 64	
Unexpended		$ 36

THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	$ 300 00	
Orders	267 00	
Unexpended		$ 33 00

CUTTING BUSHES

Appropriation	$ 75 00
Orders	$ 75 00

For further information consult distribution sheet.

Paid for "Caterpillar" Grader	$ 400 00

Respectfully submtted,

ALBERT L. SEVEY,

Road Commissioner.

Report of Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

1934

Mar. 10. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sevey, twin daughters.

June 2. To Mr. and Mrs. Coburn Cooley, a son.

July 28. To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hopkins, a daughter.

Aug. 12. To Mr. and Mrs. George MacDougal, a son.

Dec. 8. To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leo, a daughter.

Dec. 23. To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sevey, a daughter.

1935

Jan. 11. To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Willard, a daughter.

Deaths

1934

Mar. 13. Mr. Edgar H. Ramsdell, age 72 yrs., 10 mos., 20 das.

April 8. Mrs. Lucy A. Bowdoin, age 68 yrs., 1 mo., 1 day.

Aug. 28. Mrs. Delphina C. Richardson, age 75 yrs., 5 mos., 17 das.

Marriages

1934

Mar. 27. Mr. Roy C. Lane and Miss Marguerite E. Tewksbury.

May 6. Mr. Frank Alton and Mrs. Katie Richardson.

June 9. Mr. Walter G. Leo and Miss Vera K. Dexter.
Aug. 3. Mr. Harry A. Hardy and Mrs. Lydia Hight.
Aug. 4. Mr. Roland P. Hersey and Miss Annie B. Philbrick.
Aug. 4. Mr. Clayton E. Jewett and Miss Susan H. Laughton.
Aug. 11. Mr. Henry N. Bowdoin and Mrs. Eva S. Decker.
Oct. 27. Mr. Oliver B. Stevens and Mrs. Sadie I. Brann.
Oct. 31. Mr. Linwood H. Haseltine and Miss Elizabeth W. Raymond.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. T. ADDITON, Town Clerk.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Taxpayers of Ripley:

This is to certify that I have again gone over the books and accounts of your town officers and to the best of my knowledge and belief I find them to be correct, and to agree with the report as herein printed.

C. E. TRIPP,

Town Auditor, 1934-35.

HIGHWAY LABOR DISTRIBUTION SHEET

	Winter	Summer	3rd Class Main-tenance	State Aid	3rd Class Const.	Special Resolve	50-50	Bushes
Additon, P. T.	$	$	$	$ 90 00	$	$	$	$
Bane, H. L.	2 10			143 56				
Bane, Linwood	4 90							
Bane, Cecil	4 40	4 00		25 54				
Britten, Douglas	58 01	9 00						
Brown, Bernard	205 46	22 00		9 36	24 85			14 22
Brown, Lee					98 90			
Brown, Joe	16 45							
Bubar, Gannet	1 60			32 19				
Braley, Glyndon							3 60	
Bailey, Albert	10 60							
Courser, Clayton	33 25	8 00			17 85		2 00	
Campbell, Clement	4 35							
Cooley, Coburn				33 43				
Cooley, Ernest				19 60				
Campbell, Allen	5 60							
Decker, L. R.	17 80	31 56	1 56	12 25	11 20			
Decker, Adelbert	6 95							
Downing, C. S.	3 50							
Dore, Harry	86 50	10 56			10 85		4 00	

Dole, Harry				132 60	63 00				
Eaton, Cobb	63								
Eaton, H. A.	1 00								
Ellms, Chas.	253 38	2 00			23 60				
Ellms, Chester		6 00							
Folsom, Albert				16 36					
Folsom, Fred			9 56	14 09					
Farrar, Archie	28 66								
Farrar, Ray				141 22			9 00		
Farrar, Chester	75			38 85					
Farrar, Vernal	21 75	2 67							
Farrar, Wayne	10 90								
Farrar, Ivan	9 45	2 33		20 83					
Felker, Neil	86 45	7 33	5 00			6 65			
Goodwin, Calvin		10 00							
Gould, Harry	2 00	55 88	10 33	2 10	33 08				
Gould, Alton	1 00	6 00	30 60		109 40				
Gould, Guy	10 56	20 44		18 99	5 60				5 00
Gower, Harold					111 35				
Gower, Leon	7 70								
Goodrich, Ray				34 60					
Goodwin, Leon				39 87					
Haseltine, Tim	40 50				16 80				
Hatch, Lindell	8 40	10 00		5 60	19 25				
Hopkins, Donald	22 65	1 00	5 55		8 40		8 00		

Hopkins, S. M.		8 00						
Hemenway, Clyde	183 05	4 56	2 00		2 45	15 55		
Hemenway, Almon		9 33			5 95			
Henderson, Leon	2 80			34 48				
Haseltine, Fred				16 97				
Hardy, Harry	1 60							
Jewett, Clayton	14 94	2 56						
Jewett, Clyde	3 15							
Johnston, Chas.	10 55	2 66	55	39 91			2 25	6 00
Jones, Chas.	1 00							
Kittridge, Roland	90			21 88				
Kittridge, Perley	2 00							
Knowles, P. C.	5 60	22 00		17 68				
Leo, Walter	8 56							
Litchfield, John	3 60							
Lane, Roy	18 25	5 00						
Lord, Amos	2 80							
Laughton, J. S.	8 00			112 25				
Laughton, Edward	7 00							
Laughton, John	6 00							
Laughton, Jim	10 50			17 68	30 80			
Laughton, Andy	3 00							
Laughton, Frank	23 70			40 86				
MacDougal, Abram	1 50							
MacDougal, Bill	4 75							

MacDougal, Geo.	21 00							
McKenney, Perley	24 26		10 00	15 31		15 75	20 00	
McPherson, Harry								3 00
Mills, Weston	48 98	11 00	3 22	74 56	36 40			
Monk, Elmer				147 75			8 10	
Neal, Joel	8 00							
Neal, Robert	30 73	6 96	5 04	18 20	28 88			8 22
Pingree, Elmer				48 83				
Pingree, Lester	4 80			34 47				
Pingree, Elwin	5 90			9 28				
Perkins, Roy	6 70		6 00					
Philbrick, Rupert		1 44		20 30				
Perkins, Philip	3 70							
Randall, A. C.	14 80	12 10	24 00	8 50	115 45	60 58	2 25	
Raymond, H. S.	18 70							
Raymond, Nelson	15 95							
Raymond, Don	10 05							
Richardson, Henry	8 65	4 00		9 63	12 60			
Rumery, Albra		9 00		96 52	14 00			
Rumery, Floyd	7 10							
Rumery, Roland	7 10							
Richardson, Walter	1 00				10 85			
Ross, Cleo	13 50							
Sawyer, Maurice	1 60						4 00	
Sevey, Albert	217 66	165 41	38 32	8 93	17 85	32 25		20 00

Sevey, Chas.	249 36	59 88	6 77	5 60	92 40			
Sevey, Elmer	102 20		34 00			8 40	8 00	
Sevey, John				11 20				
Sevey, Roy	10 30	8 21		11 72	16 45		2 00	14 22
Sevey, Ernest	80	56						
Skillings, Jesse	1 24							
Skillings, Clifton	100 86							
Stafford, Kenneth	154 44	13 67						
Spencer, Archie				9 45				
Smith, Levi				24 80				
Sawyer, O. L.		4 00						
Stockwell, Lincoln	80							
Sampson, Elwood	1 85							
Stevens, Oliver	22 03							
Tewksbury, Carl	13 83	6 00			11 20			
Tewksbury, Aaron	2 00							
Vicnaire, Anthony	12 00							
Wakefield, Dan	2 60							
Wakefield, John	3 20				19 60			
Wakefield, H. L.					17 85			
Wheeler, Ed.	80	8 60		19 42				
Woodcock, M. F.				118 00				
Woodcock, John					16 60		7 20	
Wilber, Kirk					2 80			
Williams, Alonzo	340 00							

School Report

To the Citizens of Ripley:

We, the superintending school committee and superintendent of schools of Ripley, herewith submit our annual report of the activities and expenditures of the past year.

Perhaps the most noteworthy change during the year has been the large increase in enrollment of common school pupils, which as shown by the teachers' registers stands at 83 up to this time. Last year in February the number was 59. Looking back over reports of the past eleven years it will be seen that the enrollment has varied between the numbers of 48 and 61. A part of that time four schools were maintained, but for the last few years only three.

In its final form the vote taken at the last town meeting left the re-opening of the Head-of-The-Pond school to the judgment of the school committee, but it was felt that the sentiment of the town favored re-opening if conditions indicated that this was practical. Various plans having in view the maintenance of only three schools were studied during the summer by the committee, but as Sept. 1 approached it was found that the number of pupils to be provided for would make it almost necessary to re-open this school, and this was accordingly done.

It is felt that the public has appreciated and known the fact that all four of our teachers have been doing excellent work in their respective schools. Enrollments in the registers for the present year stand as follows: Mills School, Mrs. Rena L. Eaton, teacher, 26 pupils; Jones School, Miss Doris Smart, teacher, 22 pupils; Hillside School, Mss Eleanor Bane, teacher, 16 pupils; Head-of-Pond School, Miss Ernestine Cheney, teacher, 19 pupils; total 83. The school census list as submitted in April, 1934, to the State Dept. of Education, contained 126 names of persons between 5 and 21 years old.

At present 12 common school pupils are attending outside of town, 6 in the Dexter schools and 6 in the Webber school in Cambridge. Those going to Dexter are 2 children of Maurice Briggs, 3 children of Albert Folsom and 1 child of Elbridge Atwater. Those in the Webber school, 2 children of L. R. Perkins, 3 children of Roland Kittredge, and Isabel Folsom.

Those receiving diplomas at the grammar school graduation in the Grange Hall last June were Irene Campbell, Mildred McDougall and Donald Raymond. Ripley students attending secondary schools in other towns during the first half of the school year of 1934-35 are Marion Laughton and Andrew Laughton at Maine Central Institute, and Robert Briggs, Lloyd Cooley, Irene Campbell, Lula Farrar, Adeline Monk, Mildred MacDougall, Philip Perkins, Donald Raymond, Elizabeth Rees, Harold Rees, Louise Richardson and Maurice Sawyer in Dexter High School.

Costs of conveyance of pupils for the current year are as follows: two Briggs children to Dexter, $2.00 per week; three Folsom children and one Atwater child to Dexter, $4.43 per week; the six pupils in the Webber School, from the Cambridge Road, $5.00 per week; ten children conveyed to the Head-of-the-Pond School, $10 per week.

The yearly tuition rate charged by schools having Ripley students is $90 at Maine Central Institute, and at Dexter High School $58 last year and $50 this year. As has often been mentioned before two thirds of the high school tuition paid out is re-funded to the town from state funds. The amount so restored cannot exceed $800, however.

The intention is to maintain the Ripley schools for 32 weeks, the minimum allowed by law, as for several years past.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Through the contribution of the town, combined with money earned by the school under Mrs. Rena Eaton, it was possible to complete the installation of modern and attractive single seats and desks in the Mills School last spring. Their room now presents a very attractive appearance. A good beginning on grading more playground space and providing more playground equipment has also been made at this school through contributed labor of interested citizens.

The West side of the Jones School was shingled, also the back end of the building, last summer. Other minor repairs have been made as usual in the various buildings.

As it would appear to be best and necessary to continue to maintain a school at the Head-of-the-Pond for some time to come, the question arises of whether to renovate and remodel the outbuilding there. It is now in a condition far from meeting state requirements. Of course the probable length of time the school might be in use must be considered. This school building itself as well as its contents is in very good condition.

As has been stated many times before, better floors are much needed in three of the school rooms. At least two new book closets have long been needed, for the Jones and Pond Schools, but have not yet been

secured. A new stove for the Pond School was purchased last September.

FINANCES

It will be noted that a very substantial unexpended balance remains to the credit of the school department. Several elements have made this possible. Among these is the fact that through circumstances less fuel has been purchased and paid for than usual during the time of this account. Another is that a year ago it was apparently almost a certainty that state apportionments of school money would be much less than they turned out to be when final notice of amounts was given out, the last of December. The amount raised by the town, for another thing, was enough to insure a share in the state equalization fund. Another item is that tuition rates are lower than formerly, in many cases.

The committee and superintendent have carefully budgeted the estimated items of necessary expenditures for the coming year, also taking into consideration the balances which we are so fortunate as to have. Their estimate of amounts needed is as follows:

Common schools, textbooks, repairs and miscellaneous inclusive	$ 1,950 00
High school tuition	300 00
	$ 2,250 00

The above is $725 less than the total appropriated last year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. BERTHA HASELTINE,
CALVIN B. GOODWIN,
R. W. MILLS,
School Committee.
D. W. ROLLINS,
Supt. of Schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

COMMON SCHOOLS

Resources

Balance forward	$ 1 73	
Appropriation	2,250 00	
Interest on Permanent School Fund	32 43	
State School Fund	682 62	
State Equalization Fund	78 00	
		$ 3,044 78

Expenditures

Teachers' Wages

Mills School:	
Rena L. Eaton, winter term 1934, 2 4-5 wks.	$ 30 10
Rena L. Eaton, spring term, 11 1-5 wks.	119 65
Rena L. Eaton, fall term, 15 wks.	232 50
Rena L. Eaton, winter term, 4 wks.	62 00
	$ 444 25
Jones School:	
Doris Smart, winter term 1934, 3 wks.	$ 29 25
Doris Smart, spring term, 11 wks.	107 50
Doris Smart, fall term, 11 1-5 wks.	151 20
Vera Felker, fall term, 3 4-5 wks.	51 30
Doris Smart, winter term, 4 wks.	54 00
	$ 393 25
Hillside School:	
Eleanor Bane, winter term, 1934, 2 2-5 wks.	$ 24 60
Eleanor Bane, spring term, 11 3-5 wks.	118 65
Eleanor Bane, fall term, 15 wks.	202 50
Eleanor Bane, winter term, 4 wks.	54 00
	$ 399 75

Head-of-Pond School:		
Ernestine Cheney, fall term, 14 wks.		$ 168 00
Ernestine Cheney, winter term, 5 wks.		60 00
		$ 228 00
Total teachers' wages		$ 1,465 25

FUEL

Harland Wilkins	$ 9 00	
F. L. Haseltine	17 50	
Jewett Bros.	16 00	
Total fuel		$ 42 50

JANITORS

Ivan Farrar, Jr.	$ 18 00	
Joseph Wheeler	8 20	
Donald Raymond	8 40	
Louise Farrar	4 00	
Lucy Gould	13 00	
Mrs. E. A. Wheeler	3 00	
Virginia McDermott	9 50	
Clarence Skillin	9 50	
F. L. Haseltine	2 75	
Total janitors		$ 76 35

CONVEYANCE

Mrs. V. H. Holt	$ 155 00	
H. L. Wakefield	281 00	
Town of Dexter, re-imbursement (Cambridge Road $152.86, Briggs Route $90.00, Lancaster boy $2.20)	245 06	
Total conveyance		$ 681 06

TUITION

Town of Cambridge	$	192 00		
Total tuition			$	192 00
Total expenditures			$	2,457 16
Balance unexpended			$	587 62

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Resources

Balance forward	$	15 65		
Appropriation		375 00		
State School Fund		582 67		
			$	973 32

Expenditures

Maine Central Institute, winter and spring terms	$	110 00		
Maine Central Institute, fall term		70 00		
Town of Bingham, 2nd half year 1933-1934		30 00		
Town of Dexter, 2nd half year 1933-1934		290 00		
Town of Dexter, 1st half year 1934-1935		300 00		
			$	800 00
Balance unexpended			$	173 32

TEXTBOOKS

Resources

Appropriation			$	60 00

Expenditures

Rand, McNally & Co.	$	2 37		
American Educational Press		70		

Beckley-Cardy Co.	5 65	
D. C. Heath & Co.	9 69	
J. L. Hammett Co.	1 95	
Ginn and Company	5 64	
Lyons & Carnahan	3 29	
Silver, Burdett & Co.	14 76	
	$	44 05
Plus overdraft of 1934		2 04
Total expenditures	$	46 09
Balance unexpended	$	13 91

REPAIRS

Resources

Appropriation	$	140 00

Expenditures

L. S. Henderson	$	40	
John M. Laughton		8 00	
Wood & Bishop Co.		4 15	
Bucknam & Mountain		24 52	
Ivan Farrar		23 25	
Linwood Haseltine		7 00	
C. H. Webber		18 95	
C. B. Goodwin		14 17	
Harland Wilkins		20 13	
Ramsay & Gates Co.		2 94	
R. W. Mills		4 00	
J. L. Packard Co.		2 15	
D. W. Rollins		30	
		$	129 96
Plus overdraft of 1934			5 18
Total expenditures		$	135 14
Balance unexpended		$	4 86

MISCELLANEOUS SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Resources

Balance forward	$ 11 68	
Appropriaiton	50 00	
		$ 61 68

Expenditures

The Educational Supply Co.	$ 2 12	
J. A. Blotner	2 38	
Gazette Publishing Company	2 33	
A. L. Davis	5 55	
Rena L. Eaton	4 00	
Bucknam & Mountain	1 00	
B. H. Litchfield	3 18	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	2 57	
Milton Bradley Company	5 19	
Gledhill Bros., Inc.	3 06	
Town of Dexter	17 88	
		$ 49 26
Balance unexpended		$ 12 42

SUMMARY

	Resources	Expenditures	Balances	O'drafts
Com. Schools	$3,044 78	$2,457 16	$587 62	
H. S. tuition	973 32	800 00	173 32	
Textbooks	60 00	46 09	13 91	
Repairs	140 00	135 14	4 86	
Miscellaneous	61 68	49 26	12 42	
	$4,279 78	$3,487 65	$792 13	None

REPORT OF PUBLIC NURSE

To the Citizens of the town of Ripley I hereby submit my report as public health nurse for the year 1934.

The school health work this year has included 18 visits to the schools, of which 3 were to the Pond School, and 5 each to the other three schools. On these visits talks are given to the pupils, class room inspection made, and the teacher assisted with plans for her regular health program.

The results of the annual inspections and examinations are as follows:

	Number examined	Defects found	Defects Corrected
Vision	79	12	1
Hearing	41	1	
Teeth	79	47	7
Throat	79	29	4
Weight	79	11	2
Posture	79	2	

Dr. Haskell again gave his time for dental examinations in the four schools.

Notices of defects found in these examinations were sent to parents of 65 children, and "good health examination" cards to 13, who were found to be in good condition.

The three schools received awards for the successful use of the Health Habit Charts, and there were 6 Seven Point pupils last spring.

3 home instructive visits were made and physicians were assisted with 3 home operations.

The Baby Conference held in the Grange Hall in June was attended by 2 young babies and 14 children between 1 and 5 years of age.

We wish to express our appreciation for the loyal support and cooperation of interested citizens during the past year, and the hope that it will be continued for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
DOROTHY M. CROSS, R. N.,
Public Health Nurse.

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Town Warrant

To Clayton C. Courser, a citizen of the Town of Ripley, in the County of Somerset, State of Maine:

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ripley, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town on the 2nd day of March, 1936 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art 2. To choose by ballot three (3) Selectmen, who shall be the Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, one (1) Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Auditor and Road Commissioner, one (1) member of the school committee for the constitutional term; as provided by C. 5, S. 38 to 53, R. S. 1930. The polls for election of these officers will be open at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon and close at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the town officers.

Art. 4. To raise and appropriate money for the support of common schools, text books, repairs, miscellaneous, and high school tuition.

Art. 5. To raise and appropriate money for the maintenance of town ways and bridges in summer.

Art. 6. To raise and appropriate money for the maintenance of ways and highways during the snow season.

Art. 7. To raise and appropriate money for the support of poor.

Art. 8. To raise and appropriate money for miscellaneous town expenses.

Art. 9. To raise and appropriate money for interest on loans.

Art. 10. To raise and appropriate money for support of Crocker Library.

Art. 11. To raise and appropriate money for maintenance of State Aid highways; Third Class and Special Resolve roads; early patrol; and cutting bushes on improved roads.

Art. 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $48.00 for street lights.

Art. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $20.00 for public health nurse.

Art. 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the purpose of retiring outstanding loans.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to be used in repairing the section of road leading from the residence of Frank L. Laughton to the residence of Frank G. Laughton or act anything thereon.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to be used in graveling the section of road leading from the residence of Jewett Brothers to the residence of Calvin Goodwin, or act anything thereon.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State Aid, as provided in S. 20, C. 28, R. S. of 1930.

Art. 18. To see what sum the town will appropriate for State Aid road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of S. 19, C. 28 R. S. of 1930, or under the provisions of S. 3, C. 173, P. L. of 1935; to instruct the Selectmen where to expend said fund, or act anything thereon.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to accept a section of land adjoining "Ferndale" cemetery from Ernest Sevey, said section to be annexed to the cemetery, or act anything thereon.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to fence above section of land, if accepted, or act anything thereon.

Art. 21. To see what action the town will take in regard to the use of a gas shovel for road construction, or act anything thereon.

Art. 22. To see what method the town will adopt for payment and collection of taxes, to choose a tax collector, and vote his compensation.

Art. 23. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow as a temporary loan or loans to and for the use of the town in anticipation of taxes of the current municipal year 1936-37; and to instruct said officials to retire any notes or obligations that may become due by issuing new ones which will not be in anticipation of taxes, or act anything thereon.

Art. 24. To see what action the town will take in regard to buying the Albra Rumery farm, or act anything thereon.

Art. 25. To see what action the town will take in regard to running the town lines, to appropriate money for the purpose, or act anything thereon.

You will give notice that the Selectmen will be in session at their office on said day of meeting at 8:30

o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving names and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Ripley, Maine, this 17th day of February A. D. 1936.

CLAYTON E. JEWETT,
JAMES M. LAUGHTON,
H. L. WAKEFIELD,

Selectmen Ripley, Maine.

Report of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

Ripley, Maine, February 1, 1936.

To the Citizens of the Town of Ripley:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with the statutes of the State, we herewith submit for your consideration this, our annual report which includes tabulations of statistics.

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Real estate, resident	$104,840 00	
Real estate, non-resident	43,770 00	
		$ 148,610 00
Personal estate, resident	$20,240 00	
Personal estate, non-resident	1,615 00	
		$ 21,855 00
Total valuation		$ 170,465 00
Value of land		$ 96,010 00
Value of buildings		52,600 00
Number of polls taxed	107	
Number of polls not taxed	7	
Number of dogs	57	

Rate of taxation	.053	
Commitment to Collector:		
Poll tax	$ 321 00	
Resident real estate tax	5,562 60	
Non-resident real estate tax	2,319 83	
Resident personal estate tax	1,072 88	
Non-resident personal estate tax	85 61	
Supplemental tax	119 04	
		$ 9,480 96

TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	Av. Value	Total Value
67 horses and mules	$ 76 00	$ 5,105 00
262 cows	29 00	7,765 00
9 oxen	23 00	210 00
121 3 year olds	21 00	2,620 00
127 2 year olds	17 00	2,120 00
8 sheep	3 00	25 00
88 poultry	51	45 00
		$ 17,890 00

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

128 one year olds	$ 1,355 00
221 sheep (to 35 in number)	700 00
57 swine (to 10 in number)	590 00
775 poultry (to 50 in number)	425 00
	$ 3,070 00

ASSESSMENTS

Schools	$ 2,000 00
Summer maintenance	700 00
Winter maintenance	1,700 00
State Aid, third class, 50-50 and bush maintenance	725 00
Poor	500 00

Miscellaneous	500 00
Interest	500 00
Crocker Library	75 00
Street lights	48 00
Public nurse	20 00
Cemetery gate	10 00
State Aid construction	600 00
State tax	1,283 04
County tax	300 61
Total assessments: Appropriations	$ 8,961 65
Overlay	400 27
Total	$ 9,361 92

ABATEMENTS

1935-36

On taxes paid on or before July 1, 1935	$ 153 22

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

RESIDENT

Alven Randall

Groceries	$ 72 87	
Clothing	3 58	
		$ 76 45

Mildred Leavitt

Groceries	$ 40 38	
Clothing	29 78	
Medical and hospital	230 00	
Board of children	78 00	
Fuel	39 11	
Transportation	1 00	
		$ 418 27

Earl Leavitt

Burial		$ 109 30

Fred Alton

Groceries	$ 108 86	
Clothing	9 27	
Fuel	6 00	
Stove	12 00	
		$ 136 13

Frank Alton

Groceries		$ 36 78

Philander Knowles

Fuel		$ 3 50

William Lyshorn

Medical	$ 2 25	
Barbering	2 00	
		$ 4 25

Walter Bowdoin

Burial		$ 107 00
Total expended		$ 891 68

NON-RESIDENT

Harry Skillings

Groceries		$ 19 79

Crowell Kirk

Medical and hospital	$210 70	
Transportation	12 00	
Board	21 00	
		$ 243 70
Total expended		$ 263 49

STATE

Maggie Pillsbury and Grandson

Board	$294 00	
Medical	40 00	
Clothing	24 32	
Transportation goods	3 53	
Total expended		$ 361 85

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	$500 00	
Total receipts	303 39	
		$ 803 39
Total expenditures		$ 1,517 02
Overexpended		$ 716 63
Due from State:		
Due from State	$ 151 85	
City of Rockland (Kirk)	263 49	
Town of Dexter (Skillings)	19 79	
Total due		$ 435 13

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Cash balance Feb. 1, 1935	$ 99 87	
Receipts for year	23,383 06	
		$ 23,482 93
Warrants drawn on treasurer	$23,300 83	
In treasury Feb. 1, 1936	182 10	
		$ 23,482 93

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

TAX SECTION

1931 tax			
Due Feb. 1, 1935			$ 89 10
Received during year			$ 89 10
1932 tax			
Due Feb. 1, 1935		$303 60	
Received during year		143 98	
Balance			$ 159 62
1933 tax			
Due Feb. 1, 1935		$389 84	
Received during year		178 63	
Balance			$ 211 21
1934 tax			
Due Feb. 1, 1935		$2,274 29	
Received during year		1,856 55	
Balance			$ 417 74
1935 tax			
Commitment		$9,480 96	
Rec'd during year	$6,898 75		
Abatements	153 22		
		$ 7,051 97	
Balance uncollected			$ 2,428 99

TAX DEEDS

Feb. 1, 1935	$ 73 92
Received during year	$ 73 92

EXCISE TAX

Received during year	$ 245 11

STATE TAX

Assessed		$ 1,283 04
Allowed by State, School fund etc.	$ 1,221 18	
Paid direct	61 86	
		$ 1,283 04

COUNTY TAX

Assessed	$ 300 61
Paid	$ 300 61

WELFARE SECTION

POOR

Appropriation	$500 00	
Receipts	303 39	
		$ 803 39
Payments		$ 1,517 02
Overexpended		$ 713 63

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Appropriation	$ 20 00
Payments	$ 20 00

CEMETERY GATE

Appropriation	$ 10 00	
Payments	6 99	
Unexpended		$ 3 01

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	$ 48 00
Payments	$ 48 00

EDUCATIONAL SECTION

SCHOOLS

Appropriation	$2,000 00	
Other receipts	1,381 12	
		$ 3,381 12
Paid on Supt's orders		3,822 86
Overexpended		$ 441 74
Last year's balance		$ 792 13
This year's balance		$ 350 39

CROCKER LIBRARY

Appropriation	$ 75 00	
Other credits	45 59	
		$ 120 59
Paid		104 77
Unexpended		$ 15 82

HIGHWAY SECTION

WINTER

Appropriation	$1,700 00	
Other credits	1,340 00	
		$ 3,040 00
Paid		3,635 36
Overexpended		$ 595 56

SUMMER

Appropriation	$ 700 00	
Commissioner's orders	696 32	
Unexpended		$ 3 68

PATROL, THIRD CLASS, 50-50 PATROL AND CUTTING BUSHES

Appropriation	$ 725 00	
Receipts	50 00	
		$ 775 00
Paid		782 21
Overexpended		$ 7 21

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation	$ 600 00	
Receipts	1,335 46	
		$ 1,935 46
Foreman's payroll and State deductions		2,206 32
Overexpended		$ 34 84

Cost of motor shovel $301.51
Length of completed road, 2250 ft.
Cost of road per foot at head of pond $1.10
Amount of fund used at West Ripley $110.51

"LINN" TRACTOR

Obligation Feb. 1, 1935		$ 3,500 00
Paid during year		1,200 00
Balance of obligations		$ 2,300 00
Income:		
Received outside plowing	$ 1,073 41	
Plowing in town	1,075 00	
Total receipts		$ 2,148 41
Expense:		
Gasoline, oil, battery, repairs		$ 1,459 40
Net earned		$ 689 01

TOWN TRUCK

2 ton chassis	$ 1,147 00		
Allowance on 1½ ton truck	500 00		
Difference		$	647 00
Income:			
Received from plowing	$ 709 30		
Other road work	238 40		
Total receipts		$	947 70
Expenses: Plow rental	$ 100 00		
Gasoline, oil, repairs, etc.	498 25		
Total expenses		$	598 25
Net earned		$	349 45

MISCELLANEOUS SECTION

Appropriation	$ 500 00		
Cash in treasury	99 87		
Dog tax, hall rental, R. R. & Tel tax, miscellaneous receipts	104 75		
Overlay	400 27		
Excise tax	254 11		
		$	1,350 00
Paid:			
Officers:			
Selectmen	$ 150 00		
Treasurer	40 00		
Clerk	20 00		
School committee	15 00		
Supt. schools	180 64		
Tax collector	87 33		
Ballot clerks	8 00		
Constable	11 05		

Fire ward	6 00		
Fence viewers	6 00		
Moderator last year	3 00		
Moderator this year	3 00		
		$	530 02
Costs of collecting 1931 taxes to Sheriff		$	101 62
Road tools, etc.	$ 70 83		
Insurance	46 50		
Recording	10 00		
Postage	26 65		
National used car report	7 00		
Memorial Day	10 00		
Cemeteries	16 00		
Telephone	27 53		
Travel expense	82 00		
Dog tax	54 00		
Town reports	73 40		
Books etc.	43 65		
Seats, and other hall expenses	170 87		
Miscellaneous	24 13		
		$	662 56
		$	1,294 20

FINANCE SECTION

INTEREST

Appropriation	$ 500 00		
Receipts	15 21		
Total		$	515 21
Paid			614 98
Overexpended		$	99 77

LOANS

Outstanding Feb. 1, 1935	$ 7,980 00	
Hired during 1935	7,018 65	
Total		$ 14,998 65
Retired during year		4,475 00
Balance outstanding Feb. 1, 1936		$ 10,523 65

OTHER OBLIGATIONS

On "Linn" tractor Feb. 1, 1935	$ 3,500 00	
Retired during year	1,200 00	
Balance against tractor Feb. 1, 1936		$ 2,300 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ASSETS

Cash in treasury Feb. 1, 1936	$ 182 10
1932 taxes	159 60
1933 taxes	211 21
1934 taxes	417 74
1935 taxes	2,428 99
Leavitt farm	400 00
Spencer farm	100 00
Rumery mortgage	210 00
"Caterpillar" grader	350 00
"Linn" tractor and plow	3,500 00
"Dodge" 2 ton truck and body	850 00
Town hall, equipment and shed	1,500 00
4 school houses	500 00
25,000 feet snow fence	750 00
Due from State plowing	1,200 00
State, pauper	151 85
Town of Dexter, pauper	19 79
plowing	45 00

City of Rockland, pauper		263 49
Town of Harmony, plowing 1934		140 00
Ed Wheeler, Leavitt hay		15 00
Total assets		$ 13,394 77

LIABILITIES

Outstanding notes	$ 10,523 65	
Obligations on tractor	2,300 00	
School fund note	540 55	
Total liabilities		$ 13,364 20
Balance in favor of town		$ 30 57

We have tried to adjust the assets and liabilities this year so to show the true financial standing of the town on February 1, 1936, and we feel that the foregoing statement reflects the true financial standing as of that date.

You voted to collect the back taxes, and we tried to map out a plan that would assist both the town and the tax payer. The only tax deed that remained outstanding was collected, and the 1931 taxes all removed from the books. About half of the outstanding taxes for the years 1932, 1933 have been received, with only $417.74 left uncollected from the 1934 commitment. By following out a carefully maped out plan, we believe, that most of the unpaid taxes can be collected without much expense to the town or tax payer.

We recommend that the appropriation be held as low as possible this year, and that $1,000.00 be appropriated to retire outstanding loans.

Respectfully submitted,

CLAYTON E, JEWETT,
JAMES M. LAUGHTON,
H. L. WAKEFIELD,
Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

Road Commissioner's Report

Ripley, Maine, February 1, 1936.

To the Citizens of the Town of Ripley:

I herewith submit my report as Road Commissioner for the year 1935-36.

SUMMER ROADS

Appropriation	$ 700 00		
Orders	696 32		
Unexpended		$	3 68

THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	$ 300 00		
Orders	302 63		
Overexpended		$	2 63

CUTTING BUSHES

Appropriation	$ 75 00		
Orders	76 68		
		$	1 68

For further information consult distribution sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT L. SEVEY,

Commissioner.

Treasurer's Report

Cash in treasury February 1, 1935	$ 99 87		
Receipts	23,383 06		
		$	23,482 93
Paid on Selectmen's warrants	$ 23,300 83		
Cash in treasury Feb. 1, 1936	182 10		
		$	23,482 93

LIBRARY FUND

Amount in bank Feb. 1, 1935	$ 846 68		
Interest	33 86		
From State	7 50		
Fees and dues	4 22		
		$	892 26
Paid for books			29 77
Amount in treasury Feb. 1, 1936		$	862 49

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

John Jones

Amount in bank Feb. 1, 1935	$ 171 49		
Interest to date	6 85		
		$	178 34
Care of lot			6 85
Amount in treasury Feb. 1, 1936		$	171 49

Josiah Page

Amount in bank Feb. 1. 1935 $	106 00	
Interest to date	4 24	
		$ 110 24
Care of lot		4 24
Amount in treasury Feb. 1, 1936		$ 106 00

C. E. Hanson

Amount in bank Feb. 1, 1935 $	100 00	
Interest to date	4 00	
		$ 104 00
Care of lot		4 00
Amount in treasury Feb. 2, 1936		$ 100 00

Jesse M. Stone

Amount in bank Feb. 1, 1935 $	50 00	
Interest to date	2 00	
		$ 52 00
Care of lot		2 00
Amount in treasury Feb. 1, 1936		$ 50 00

Mrs. T. C. Carr

Amount in bank Feb. 1, 1935 $	102 45	
Interest to date	4 10	
		$ 106 55
Care of lot		4 10
Amount in treasury Feb. 1, 1936		$ 102 45

Olive Crocker

Amount in bank Feb. 1, 1935 $	51 22	
Interest to date	2 05	
		$ 53 27
Care of lot		2 05
Amount in treasury Feb. 1, 1936		$ 51 22

Bartlett Tripp Fund

Tripp note	$ 100 00	
Interest in treasury Feb. 1, 1935	22 00	
		$ 122 00

George Farrar Fund

Farrar note	$ 100 00	
Interest	6 33	
		$ 106 33
Care of lot		4 00
Amount in treasury Feb. 1, 1936		$ 102 33

FERNDALE CEMETERY CONTRIBUTION FUND

Amount in treasury	$ 17 50
Albra Rummery mortgage	175 00
Leavitt farm deed	400 00
School fund note	540 55

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. HASELTINE,

Town Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Taxpayers of the Town of Ripley:

This is to certify that I have gone over the books and accounts of your town officers and to the best of my knowledge and belief I find them correct, and to agree with the report as herein printed.

J. T. MURDOCK,

Town Auditor, 1935-36.

Town Clerk's Report

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

1935

Feb. 10. To Mr. and Mrs. Othie Sawyer, a son.
Apr. 11. To Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sevey, a daughter.
Apr. 4. To Mr. and Mrs. Alton Gould, a daughter.
May 29. To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alton, a daughter.
June 1. To Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hersey, a son.
June 16. To Mr. and Mrs. Guy Gould, a daughter.
Aug. 6. To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gower, a son.
Oct. 7. To Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Bane, a daughter.
Nov. 5. To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lane, a son.
Nov. 16. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sevey, twins, a son and daughter.

1936

Jan. 7. To Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Jewett, a daughter.
Jan. 19. To Mr .and Mrs. Roy Sevey, a daughter.

Deaths

1935

Mar. 27. Mr. Leslie E. Leavitt, age 47 years, 4 mo., 24 days.
Aug. 23. Mr. Walter Bowdoin, age 71 years, 7 mo., 1 day.
Oct. 6. Mr. Robert Lennon, age 70 years, 9 mo., 10 days.

Nov. 16. Mr. Gilman Jewett, age 64 years, 3 mo., 7 days.

1936

Jan. 12. Mr. Frank B. Felker, age 84 years, 24 days.

Feb. 2. Charlene R. Sevey, age 2 mo. 16 days.

Feb. 7. Charles R. Sevey, age 2 mo. 21 days.

Marriages

1935

Mar. 24. Mr. John B. Webber and Miss Isadore Richardson.

April 7. Mr. Linwood H. Bane and Miss Sadie Snowden.

April 21. Mr. James D. Robinson and Mrs. Nancy M. Ramsdell.

May 11. Mr. Elwin M. Pingree and Mrs. Marjorie L. Raymond.

May 27. Mr. Floyd C. Rummery and Miss Katherine Leo.

Aug. 31. Mr. Charles S. Downing and Miss Florence Lennon.

Sept. 10. Mr. Lewis Lancaster and Miss Etta Adeline Eastman.

Dec. 18. Mr. Rupert W. Philbrick and Mrs. Ernestine M. Beaver.

Respectfully submitted,

P. T. ADDITON, Town Clerk.

HIGHWAY LABOR DISTRIBUTION SHEET

Name	Winter	Summer	3rd Class Maintenance	State Aid	50-50	Bushes
Additon, P. T.	$	$	$	$ 72 00	$	$
Arntz, Harold		2 00				
Bane, H. L.				91 55		
Bane, Linwood	18 00					
Bane, Cecil	4 00					
Britten, Douglas	18 10					
Brown Bernard	73 00	3 00	2 00			
Bubar, Garnet				21 35		
Bubar, James	6 11				8 40	7 00
Courser, Clayton	20 00					
Campbell, Allen	5 00					
Cooley, Coburn	4 00	17 00				
Decker, L. R.	7 75	6 23	2 00	19 60		
Decker, Adelbert	11 00	6 00	5 00	8 63		5 34
Dore, Harry				4 83		
Ellms, Chas.	72 58		6 00			
Farrar, Archie	12 68	33 32	2 00	84 76		
Farrar, Ray	14 00			11 20		
Farrar, Chester	6 11			97 88		
Farrar, Vernal					5 60	
Farrar, Ivan	4 00					
Felker, Neil	47 08	12 00				
Goodwin, Calvin		2 00				
Gower, Elbridge		25 00				
Gerow, John		4 20		87 00		
Gould, Harry	35 93	67 00	27 25	18 55		

Gould, Guy	13 00	4 00	8 10	70 32	
Gould, Alton	16 75		5 00	16 28	
Gallagher, K.	5 00			8 29	
Haseltine, Tim	2 00			4 14	
Haseltine, Fred		4 50			4 20
Hatch, Lindell	11 25	10 00			
Hatch, H. D.	16 05	20 27	12 07		
Hopkins, Donald	19 25	6 00	3 00		
Hemenway, Clyde	54 80				
Hemenway, Almon	16 22	30 00		17 15	
Henderson, Leon	16 33	2 00		5 60	
Hardy, Harry					9 05
Jewett, Clayton	2 00	4 00			
Jewett, Clyde					
Johnstone, Chas.	9 00	2 00	3 00	19 78	2 80
Kittridge, Roland	5 00		3 00	28 18	
Kittridge, Harry	8 00				
Kittridge, Perley	5 00	4 00			
Knowles, P. C.	17 38	7 00		14 44	
Leo, Walter	5 75	1 00			
Lane, Roy	16 70	8 00			
Lord, Amos					
Laughton, J. S.				13 36	
Laughton, Ed	5 38				
Laughton, John	3 00				
Laughton, James	27 75			46 97	
Laughton, Frank	5 55			51 99	
Merrill, Andy	1 13				
McKenney, Perley	87 33		9 00	15 23	
Mills, Weston	72 63			9 98	14 00
McDougall, George	1 00	12 00		35 81	

Monk, Elmer						
Neal, Robert	15 75			15 23	22 40	
Pingree, Lester				14 00		18 00
Pingree, Elmer			1 00			
Perkins, Philip						9 34
Randall, A. C.	5 78	2 00	2 00			5 00
Raymond, H. S.	11 00					
Richardson, Walter						
Richardson, Henry						
Rumery, Albra				49 83		
Rumery, Floyd		14 00	2 00			
Rumery, Roland						4 00
Sawyer, O. L.			4 50			
Sawyer, Maurice			15 00	19 60		
Sevey, E. L.			2 00			
Sevey, Albert	388 15	136 58	61 25	45 00		10 00
Sevey, Chas.	148 00	38 00		30 98		
Sevey, Elmer	69 25		35 50	144 35		
Sevey, Roy	8 00	10 00	4 00	16 80		
Sevey, Ernest						18 00
Skillings, Clifton	66 48	2 64		1 40		
Stafford, Kenneth	44 50	45				
Stevens, Oliver	26 82		2 00			
Tewksbury, Carl	16 91	17 44		15 23		
Tewksbury, Aaron	15 70	6 44				
Wakefield, John		16 20		29 99		
Wheeler, Ed.	7 00					
Town Truck	716 30	55 13	46 84	124 63		
Town Tractor	1,075 00				16 00	
Gordon, Edith	18 14					

Brown Fence & Wire Co.	101 25				
Town of Dexter	11 20				
Wilkins, Harland	51 69	42 39			
Town of Ripley	30 00				
Litchfield, B. H.	7 55	11 73		5 26	
Bucknam & Mountain		35 01	2 00		
Snow & Nealey		5 04			
Sullivan, W. H.		8 50			
Fay & Scott		2 85			
Bunker, Bob		90			
H. L. Tillson & Co.		3 70			
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.			40 12		
Alonzo Williams				12 08	2 80
Alton, Frank				68 60	
Arno, Glen					
Sanford, Bailey				95 32	
Chas. Wing				72 89	
Annie Curtis				194 90	
Reed & Co.				22 14	
Hubbard, Geo.				34 00	
Chas. Moore				15 00	
Acie Ladd				35 05	
C. L. Harvey				25 80	
Hartlay & Mills				15 00	
Dexter Grange Store				1 90	
Armco Culvert Co.				152 44	
Fred Jones				26 95	
Vern Wakefield				7 96	

School Report

To the Citizens of Ripley:

We, the undersigned superintending school committee and superintendent of schools, herewith submit to you our annual report.

For the second year the town has maintained four schools. The committee has believed that under the present set-up of separated schools this has been necessary and probably the wish of the majority of the citizens.

We have felt that all four of our teachers have continued to give most satisfactory service in their schools and to the children under their care. This is a fortunate condition for all concerned.

One innovation was made some time after the fall term was well under way, in the way of furnishing more than formerly in the line of Music instruction. For this work Vera H. Felker was secured for a very nominal cost, and we feel that the added interest and added instruction in Music has been worth much more than the cost, so far. Mrs. Felker's past experience and natural abilities in Music make her very capable in this work. It is earnestly hoped that it may be possible to continue this fine feature in our schools. It will be of great advantage to the present pupils when they go elsewhere to school in the future. Mrs. Felker visits each school for a generous period of time

each week, when conditions allow, teaching while she is present, and leaving instructions for the regular teachers to follow for the remaining four days of the week.

Enrollment for this year show as follows in the school registers; Mills school, Mrs. Rena L. Eaton, teacher, 29; Jones school, Miss Doris Smart, teacher, 16; Head-of-Pond school, Miss Ernestine Cheney, teacher, 13; Hillside school, Miss Eleanor Bane, teacher, 14, total 72 pupils. This number is a little less than last year when 83 were registered. The school census as submitted to the State last April numbered 68 boys and 71 girls, between the ages of 5 and 21 years, or a total of 139.

Those receiveing grammar school diplomas at the graduation in June, 1935, were Madlean Rumery, Joseph Leavitt, Velma Neal and Phyllis Knowles. Ripley students attending secondary schools in other towns for the first half of this school year are Andrew Laughton and Marion Laughton in Maine Central Institute, and Robert Briggs, Muriel Briggs, Dana Lancaster, Irene Campbell (8 weeks), Mildred MacDougal, Elizabeth Rees, Harold Rees, Louise Richardson, Maurice Sawyer, and Philip Perkins in Dexter High school. Common school pupils attending school out of town this year are 1 child of Maurice Briggs and 1 child of Elbridge Atwater in Dexter Village, and 2 children of L. R. Perkins, 2 Willard children, 3 Kittridge children and 1 Folsom child in the Webber school in Cambridge.

The yearly tuition rate for the present year, as fixed by law is $53. for Dexter High school, and $90. for Maine Central Institute.

No fixed term schedule for the remainder of the year has as yet been set by the committee. It is the intention, however, to maintain 32 weeks of school for the entire year, as in the past.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The committee decided not to remodel the out-buildings and woodshed at the Head-of-Pond school last summer, but we feel that this must not be put off any longer and should be done without fail the coming summer. No group of children should be called upon to live in sanitary conditions inferior to what is provided for other groups in the same town, for more than a temporary period. The committee is keeping this job in mind in setting their requested appropriation figure. Repairs done during the past year consisted of only small items. Among these the teacher's desk at West Ripley was repaired, a very satisfactory book closet built for the Jones school, long needed, and a substantial second hand desk with drawers furnished for the Pond school. This takes the place of an old table in poor repair, which had no drawers for keeping papers and school materials.

FINANCES

As allotments from the State School Fund and the State Equalization Fund were better than we felt that we could depend on when our estimates for the year were made, we again have a comfortable unexpended balance, although much less than a year ago. If the re-building job at the Head-of-Pond school had been done last summer, however, it is probable that there would have been little or no unexpended balance now. We have been perhaps too sparing in the purchase of up-to-date school books and reference books. There is plenty of need of modernization of this material in some lines.

Keeping in view the Pond school job, which we feel must be done next summer, the committee feel that the same appropriation as last year should be made.

This was $2,000. for all school purposes, and as we estimate it would be used about as follows:

For common schools, textbooks, repairs and miscellaneous account, inclusive	$ 1,800 00
For high school tuition	200 00
	$ 2,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN B. GOODWIN,
R. W. MILLS,
HARRY E. DORE,
School Committee.

D. W. ROLLINS,
Supt. of Schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

COMMON SCHOOLS

Resources

Balance forward	$ 587 62	
Appropriation	1,760 00	
Interest on Permanent School Fund	32 43	
State School Fund	711 36	
State Equalization Fund	156 00	
Total resources		$ 3,247 41

Expenditures

Teachers' Wages

Mills School:

Rena L. Eaton, winter term 1935 6 weeks	$ 93 00
Rena L. Eaton, spring term, 7 weeks	108 50

Rena L. Eaton, fall term, 15 weeks		232 50
Rena L. Eaton, winter term, 4 weeks		62 00
	$	496 00
Jones School:		
Doris Smart, winter term, 1935, 6 weeks	$	81 00
Doris Smart, spring term, 7 weeks		94 50
Doris Smart, fall term, 15 weeks		202 50
Doris Smart, winter term, 4 weeks		54 00
	$	432 00
Hillside School:		
Eleanor Bane, winter term, 1935, 6 weeks	$	81 00
Eleanor Bane, spring term, 7 weeks		94 50
Eleanor Bane, fall term, 15 weeks		202 50
Eleanor Bane, winter term, 4 weeks		54 00
	$	432 00
Head-of-Pond School:		
Ernestine Cheney, winter term 1935 6 weeks	$	81 00
Ernestine Cheney, spring term, 7 weeks		94 50
Ernestine Cheney, fall term, 15 weeks		202 50
Ernestine Cheney, winter term, 4 weeks		54 00
	$	432 00
Special Music Instruction:		
Vera H. Felker, fall term, 7 weeks	$	28 70
Vera H. Felker, winter term, 4 weeks		16 40
	$	45 10
Total teachers' wages	$	1,837 10

FUEL

John Wakefield	$ 7 00		
F. L. Haseltine	2 00		
Linwood H. Haseltine	2 00		
Harland Wilkins	29 00		
Ivan Farrar	2 50		
C. B. Goodwin	80 50		
R. W. Mills	38 50		
Total fuel		$	162 00

JANITORS

Clarence Skillin	$ 16 50		
Ivan Farrar, Jr.	6 50		
Virginia McDermot	16 50		
Cecil Bane	1 50		
Earl Bubar	10 00		
C. B. Goodwin	2 00		
R. W. Mills	2 00		
Ernestine Cheney	1 60		
Mrs. Lucy Gould	18 20		
Mrs. Raymond Farrar	5 00		
Mrs. Ada Murdock	5 00		
Mrs. Hiram Bane	4 00		
Total janitors		$	88 80

CONVEYANCE

Mrs. V. L. Holt	$ 65 00		
Mrs. Clyde Willard	109 25		
H. L. Wakefield	320 00		
Town of Dexter, re-imbursement (Briggs Route $57.00, Cambridge Roard $132.62)	189 62		
P. M. Rollins (Liability Insurance)	8 63		
Total conveyance		$	692 50

TUITION

Town of Cambridge		$ 192 00

JANITORS' SUPPLIES

B. H. Litchfield		$ 1 34
Total expenditures		$ 2,973 74
Balance unexpended		$ 273 67

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Resources

Balance forward	$ 173 32	
State re-imbursement	481 33	
Appropriation	100 00	
Total resources		$ 754 65

Expenditures

Maine Central Institute, winter and spring terms	$ 110 00	
Maine Central Institute, fall term	70 00	
Town of Dexter, 2nd half year 1934-1935	275 00	
Town of Dexter, 1st half year 1935-1936	250 28	
Total expenditures		$ 705 28
Balance unexpended		$ 49 37

TEXTBOOKS

Resources

Balance forward	$ 13 91	
Appropriation	50 00	
Total resources		$ 63 91

Expenditures

American Book Company	$ 12 48		
Ginn and Company	7 74		
Lyons & Carnahan	1 44		
The Macmillan Company	3 07		
Silver, Burdett & Co.	14 05		
Webster Publishing Co.	19 45		
Total expenditures		$	58 23
Balance unexpended		$	5 68

REPAIRS

Resources

Balance forward	$ 4 86		
Appropriation	60 00		
Total resources		$	64 86

Expenditures

Raymond Farrar	$ 16 60		
C. B. Goodwin	2 00		
R. W. Mills	3 00		
Harland Wilkins	6 13		
C. H. Wyman	11 00		
B. H. Litchfield	1 42		
J. B. Cox	2 00		
J. L. Packard Co.	5 65		
Bucknam & Mountain	3 58		
Ramsay & Gates Co.	1 95		
Total expenditures		$	53 33
Balance unexpended		$	11 53

MISCELLANEOUS

Resources

Balance forward	$ 12 42	
Appropriation	30 00	
Total resources		$ 42 42

Expenditures

B. H. Litchfield	$ 1 93	
Maine Public Health Association	1 12	
Milton Bradley Company	15 76	
Town of Dexter	6 38	
The Educational Supply Company	2 77	
Gazette Publishing Company	1 75	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	2 57	
Total expenditures		$ 32 28
Balance unexpended		$ 10 14

SUMMARY

	Resources	Expenditures	Balances	O'drafts
Com. Schools	$3,247 41	$2,973 74	$273 67	
H. S. tuition	754 65	705 28	49 37	
Textbooks	63 91	58 23	5 68	
Repairs	64 86	53 33	11 53	
Miscellaneous	42 42	32 28	10 14	
	$4,173 25	$3,822 86	$350 39	None

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To the Citizens of the town of Ripley, I submit my 5th report as Public Health Nurse, for the year 1935.

The school nursing service in Ripley this year has included 29 visits to schools, 8 of which were to the Mills school, and 7 each to the other three schools. In these visits the various inspections are made, the chil-

dren weighed 3 times during the year, and the teachers assisted with their health programs.

The findings of the school inspections this year are as follows:

	Number Examined	Defects Found	Corrections Made
Teeth	68	34	4
Throat	70	27	0
Vision	65	10	2
Hearing	70	1	0
Weight	70	5	0
Posture	70	3	0

Dr. Kelley gave his time for dental examinations in town. We wish that there might be some means of financing needed corrections in families not able to do so themselves.

Notices of defects found in school were sent to parents of 55 children, and "good health inspection" slips to 13. At the close of school in the spring there were 14 Six and Seven Point children in town.

Four home visits were made to talk over health problems of children with parents, and physicians were assisted with 2 maternity cases.

The Baby and Pre-school Conference held in June was well attended. Three babies and thirteen children between 1 and 5 years were weighed, inspected, and their mothers given advice on their care.

A health program is the responsibility of everyone in the community. The teachers, parents and citizens in general have carried this responsibility, and to all of these go my grateful appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,
DOROTHY M. CROSS, R. N.,
Public Health Nurse.

158 Mi. at	7c	$11.06
42 Hr. at	58c	24.36
Total		$35.42

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